## 5,000 Activists Get 'Last Call To Bash Bush'

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — Approximately 5,000 AIDS activists encircled the White House with red ribbons on Monday, October 12, but for the first time in President Bush's term it seemed they weren't so much demanding leadership from him as waving him goodbye.

The thousands of activists converged on the Ellipse behind the White House as the culmination of a weekend of

culmination of a weekend of grief, pain, and hope sur-rounding the fourth full dis-play of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington.

Chanting rounds of "three more weeks," the demonstrators

weeks," the demonstrators mocked the president's low standing in the polls as they denounced his AIDS policies. But for all the anger directed at President Bush, the crowd's message also appeared to be a warning, directed at a possible future President Clinton.

"We need to send a mes."

President Clinton.

"We need to send a message to the future occupant of the White House that there will be no business as usual on AIDS," said Margaret Cantrell of ACT UP/D.C.

"Red ribbons are not enough. We're tired of symbolism. We're tired of empty gestures. We need some real leadership and some real action from the president of the tion from the president of the United States." Thousands of chanting

demonstrators, ranging from heterosexual couples with small children and senior cit-

izens in wheelchairs to the more usual collection of young gay men and lesbians, marched around the Treasury Department, the White House, and the Old Executive Office Building making a hu-man chain over a mile long.

office Building making a human chain over a mile long.

As they marched and cheered Bush's predicted political defeat, the demonstrators blew whistles and air horns every seven minutes to commemorate the estimated one AIDS death that takes place every 420 seconds in this country.

"My gut feeling is that this is the last demonstration we're going to do during the Bush administration 'cause Bush is outa here," said Michael Petrelis of ACT UP/DC, the leading organizer of the action. "This is our last call to bash Bush."

Eventually, as the hundreds of demonstrators filed past the gates of the White House, the front of the line made its way back around the block, completing the circle of red ribbons that ringed the federal buildings.

The activists, with visible glee, took satisfaction in President Bush's low standing in the polls and regularly broke into song as they trod past the North Lawn, belting out strains of the 1969 pop hit "Na Na, Hey Hey, Kiss Him Goodbye" and waving farewell at the building's present tenant.

Bush was not in town for the action nor weep hearted.

sent tenant.

Bush was not in town for the action, nor was he home for any of the quilt weekend. After the 5,000 activists completed their circle around



Thousands converged on the Ellipse behind the White House for the fourth display of the entire Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt last weekend. (Photo: Darlene(PhotoGraphics)

the White House, they again gathered on the Ellipse where they staged a mass die-in, covering a large chunk of the 13 acres of grass with hu-

the 13 acres of grass with human bodies.

Demonstrators in wheelchairs slid out of their seats to lie on the moist ground beside the able-bodied, leaving only a collection of chairs and photographers perpendicular on the expanse of land.

"We die, Bush does nothing," came the voices from the ground as a lonely siren wailed from a bullhorn.

Several of the activists were particularly annoyed at Bush's comments during the October 11 presidential debate, where he dismissed AIDS demonstrators and a massive candlelight vigil commences the street of the street o massive candlelight vigil com-memorating the quilt appear-

ance two days earlier as work of "the extremes."

They were especially taken aback by the president's repetition of his charge that "\$4.6 billion" is being spent on AIDS, a figure Bush again suggested was far higher than that spent for cancer treatment and research.

that spent for cancer treatment and research.

"That's a very misleading number," said Carlton Lee, a staffer with the National Commission on AIDS, noting that the oft-cited figure counts are only specific lines terms for not only specific line-items for AIDS spending, but many fuzzy estimates on total Medi-care, Medicaid and Veterans care, Medicaid and Veterans Affairs entitlement spending for AIDS patients. No such accounting has ever been sug-gested for other diseases, he noted, and if it were it would far outstretch AIDS spending.

Governor Clinton's

sponse to Bush's comments, likewise, did not earn rave reviews in the crowd that was splattered with Clinton/Gore Tshirts and buttons.

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"Bush lied through his teeth," said ACT UP/D.C.'s Cantrell. "Clinton gave us a lot of pretty rhetoric. But whether he lives up to his promises, we'll have to wait and see."

Asked how AIDS activists could counter Bush's alleged mischaracterization of the government's AIDS funding, Lee quipped offhandedly, "I was hoping Clinton would do it last night," but took care to note that after the debate the Clinton campaign did issue a statement pointing out Bush's tactic.

Lee noted that AIDS activists are now taking pains to (Continued on page 28)

Inside

## **BofA Exec's** Wife Against Gay Flag

When the San Francisco

When the San Francisco Library Commission voted last week to keep the Rainbow flag flying over Harvey Milk Library, one dissenting vote came from Commissioner Barbara Rosenberg, whose husband is Bank of America President Richard Rosenberg. The Library Commission had been holding public hearings on the flag since a group of religious fundamentalists called for its removal earlier this year. Although the fundamentalists have threatened a lawsuit, the city attorney's office ruled that flying the flag is consistent with San Francisco law. Francisco law.

Six out of seven commissioners voted to keep the flag atop the library while Rosenberg voted against it. She was not available for comment to the Bay Area Reporter. ▼



#### **Our Families**

Celebrators at an October 11 rally in Sacramento raise hands in response to National Coming Out Day SF organizer Everett Dennman's question, "How many of you are in committed relationships? (Phot

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**Community News** 

## Health Department **Budget Cuts Restored**

San Francisco Health Department mental health and AIDS services will not receive any cuts after all under a plan by Supervisor Carole Migden that was presented to

Migden that was presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 5.

The Health Department had been asked by Mayor Frank Jordan to cut \$25 mil-lion in early September and then later reduced the request to \$12.5 million.

\$7.5 million of the funds represented service cuts, pri-marily to mental health programs, and the remainder represented reductions in administration and employee fur-

lough.
"I'm loathe to raise taxes-any taxes-in these recessionary times," Migden said

in a press statement.

Among the savings proposals Migden presented to the

board:

• 2.2 million from the sale of the Olympic strip property on the Great Highway, currently leased by the Olympic Club, which is prepared to purchase the land.

• \$350,000 from the elimination of one Police Academy class during the 1992-93 fiscal wear by nestroning; if for one

year by postponing it for one month until the 1993-94 fiscal



Carole Migden

• \$900,000 from reducing the General Fund Reserve from \$10 million to \$9.1 million, and avoiding a payback of a one-time tax increase that was to be rolled over when the fund hit \$10 million. The reduction allocates the \$900,000 to health service funds but also saves the city \$2.8 million from avoiding the tax rollover payback.

• \$900,000 from reducing

the Municipal and Superi-or Court operations budget, primarily in fees paid by the district attorney and public defender to outside coun-sel when either agency has a conflict of interest in repre-senting clients.

According to Dana Van

Gorder, legislative aide to Migden, the only service re-ductions that the Health De-partment will receive are the consolidation of several men-

consolidation of several mental health clinics proposed by Health Department Director Raymond Baxter as an efficiency measure.

"The services may be moved to other locations but the clients will continue to be seen," Van Gorder said.

The effort to avoid service cuts in the Health Department budget have been a team effort, said Jean Harris, Jordan's liaison to the gay and lesbian community. "We all realize how vital the health bealth Jordan's liaison to the gay and lesbian community. "We all realize how vital the health services are and everyone's worked really hard to try to save them, including the mayor's office, the Health Department and the Board of Supervisors," Harris said.

But Van Gorder warned

But, Van Gorder warned, the city faces a deficit of \$150

million a year next year.

Supervisor Migden has established a joint task force with the mayor's office and others to try to address the need for structural changes in the way city departments are structured and to discuss civil

service reform.

"We've trimmed all the administration that we can.

Next time, the cuts will have to come out of services." ▼

## Suspect in Custody After Alleged Robbery of Gay Man

by Dennis Conkin

A suspect is now being held in the Hall of Justice on \$7,500 bail, facing charges of robbing a gay man he met at The Eagle, a popular South of Market leather bar.

James M. Flanagan, 33, was charged with burglary, possession of stolen property, and grand theft-auto, after he was arrested October 12 at a used record store on Haight was arrested october 12 at a used record store on Haight Street after offering to sell hundreds of compact discs he allegedly stole from the victim's apartment.

The victim, whose name is being withheld pending a con-tinuing police investigation into the incident, had called the store only an hour before the arrest to alert them to the October 11 theft.

Flanagan, according to an employee at Recycled Records on Haight Street, "seemed kind of shady" when he walked into the store and tried to sell "several bundles of 30 to 50 CDs in a stack, wrapped up in plastic and sealed with duct tape to hold

them together,"
"It just seemed very weird.

[The victim] had just called us that morning to alert us that someone might come in to try to sell them, and that [the vic tim's] name was on the inside cover of each CD," the emplovee said.

Just as Flanagan was told that Recycled Records believed the CDs were stolen, and their possible owner was going to be alerted to come and identify the property, a Park Station police beat officer happened to pass the store.

Flanagan was detained by the officer until the victim arrived to make a positive identification of the property and

"[Flanagan] looked very nervous, especially when we called the cop into to the store. He said that he was going to go tell his wife, and that the CDs weren't stolen, but he looked like he knew he was in trouble," the employee said.

The victim's car and other property reported stolen in the incident has been recovered.

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## Feinstein, Boxer Fundraiser Set for Monday

A history-making party will light up Davies Sympho-ny Hall on Monday, October 19, as Bonnie Raitt and Texas Governor Ann Richards host what is being billed as "the largest women's political fundraiser of all time."

The event will kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Davies Hall, located at Van Ness and Grove streets in San Francisco. Organizers hope the joint benefit for senatorial candidates Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein will attract some 2,700 stein will attract some 2,700

people.

Both Boxer and Feinstein are on the program that evening, as are Raitt, Richards, The Fabulous Betty Trio, poet Janice Miritkitani, and Ellen Malcolm, president of EMILY's list. The event is chaired by Susie Thompkins, co-founder of Esprit, and is presented under the auspices of the Women's Council of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Tickets to the event are

Tickets to the event are still available at \$100 each. Further information may be obtained by calling (415)705-8775 during business hours. ▼

## GOPs, Your 'Pink Slip' Is Showing

San Francisco GOPs got a surprise October 8 when they gathered for "Forward Togethen/Victory 92," a \$250 per plate "unprecedented Republican party celebration."
Forward Together was so "unprecedented" because it was one of seven parties in cities across America linked to George and Bar, Danny and Marilyn, Ronnie, Gerry Ford, Arnie Schwarzenegger, and Bob Hope by interactive satellite.

As the diamond-studded party-goers stepped out of

As the diamond-studded party-goers stepped out of their luxury vehicles in front of Bimbo's 365 Club (yes, that's the real name), the site of their illustrious gala, they were greeted by about 80 protesters from the Women's Action Coalition and ACT U.P.

UP.
A few protesters who were stationed near the entrance of the club sweetly gave entering celebrants pink slips notifying them that their party had only 30 days more to serve. The rest of the activists stood across the street chanting "read our slips!" and other assorted slogans at the party-goers.
"Hate is not a family value. The Republican fringe does

The Republican fringe does not represent the majority of this country," said Laura Liv-oti, a WAC activist, as she and others listed the many reasons why they were there. AIDS, domestic violence, the future of abortion, and the need for universal health care were the issues most frequently mentioned by the protesters.
When attendees were ques

tioned about their perceptions of the protest, several erupted in tight-lipped responses,

while others haughtily de-clined to comment.
"I don't know what's hap-pening over there, but I'm for George Bush," said one.
"It's kind of foul language,

but they have the right to rant and rave all they want," said another, of the verbal lambast afforded President

Bush.
"I don't know whether I want to be here;" one woman told her hosts as she pushed her way in the "Bimbo's" door, clearly unsettled by the protest.

What the partiers didn't

What the partiers didn't yet know was that one week earlier WAC had obtained hundreds of surplus invitations to the fete, on which they replaced the words "\$250 per person," with "ladies get in free," same sex couples get in free," and "sliding scale; no one turned away for lack

of funds." These mischievous WAC activists then widely distributed the invitations

distributed the invitations around town.

Several protesters who were cleverly disguised as Republicans (pumps, makeup, and all) were rebuffed as they attempted to enter the party. It turned out that the Republicans had a list of paid partiers, against which they checked the fake names made up by the activists, and anyone whose name didn't match any on the list was summarily any on the list was summarily turned away.

One protester used the clever line of needing to use the bathroom to get inside and put a pink slip on every plate. She was eventually caught and removed, but two others got in and remained undiscovered until much lat-

In fact, they became the center of attention later when they stood on a table and stripped down to — of course

- their pink slips.

Unfortunately, this reporter was unable to witness the strip show because the

Women's Action Coalition members arrested at a Republican Party fundraiser October 8 at Bimbo's 365 Club.

Republican Party celebration hosts would not let "alterna-tive press" inside, although

the major television stations and BBC press were admitted

## Gay Man G-Man **Update**



U.S. District Court Judge U.S. District Court Judge Saundra Armstrong has ruled that former FBI Agent Frank Buttino's lawsuit against the FBI may be classified as a class action, making it possible for other veterans of the agency to join him in charging sexual orientation discrimination.

Buttino, a 20-year vet-

Ing sexual orientation discrimination.

Buttino, a 20-year veteran of the FBI with a top-secret security clearance, was fired in 1991 after acknowledging during an investigation that he is gay.

After a two-hour hearing, Armstrong ruled that Buttino provided enough evidence to make a case that the FBI routinely discriminated against all employees who are gay or who engage in homosexual conduct with consenting adults in private.

A trial is scheduled for December 14.

-Dennis Conkin



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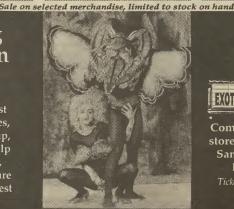
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## Schatz Chosen To Head Physicians for Human Rights

by Dennis Conkin

Ben Schatz, a nationally renowned AIDS and gay civil rights attorney, has been appointed director of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, a 700-member group of lesbian and gay physicians and medical students.

Schatz, who directed the organization's Medical Expertise Retention Project, a program for HIV-positive physicians and health care workers, is also the author of presiden-

is also the author of presiden-tial candidate Bill Clinton's AIDS, gay, and lesbian policy statements.

"Lesbian and gay physicians have an enormous amount of talent and expertise to contribute to the gay and lesbian rights movement and to the battle against HIV," Schatz said in a press

HIV," Schatz said in a press statement.
With an annual budget of of \$250,000 from a combina-tion of membership fees and foundation support, AAPHR has "very often played a quiet national role" in advocating about AIDS lesbian and gay health care issues with the

federal government.
"We're looked to by the
Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of

Health and have had access to power and people of influ-ence that others have not had, because we are a physician's organization," Schatz said. "AAPHR is an organiza-

tion with enormous potential to advance the gay rights agenda," including health-re-lated issues beyond AIDS and HIV disease, Schatz believes, "because of the talents of our membership and because of

our access.
"When we talk about dewhen we talk about de-manding equal rights, we of-ten talk about the unfairness of discrimination, [but] we never talk about the fact that the effects of the discriminathe effects of the discrimination pose a major health threat including high rates of alcoholism and substance abuse, the reality of anti-gay violence and the psychic abuse and stress that we face all the time. There's a broad range of mental health effects," he said. "No organization has more credibility about such issues than a group of gay and lesbian physicians."

The organization will also begin to take more of a visible leadership position in ad-

begin to take more or a visi-ble leadership position in ad-vocacy with other physicians organizations and health care policy groups, including the

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House formally adjourned its half of the 102nd Congress on October 6. With that action, Representative William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), for all intents and purposes, officially had the tag "former" attached to his title. And a cheer rose up across the land.

Long the arch enemy of lesbians and gays on all matters congressional, Dannemeyer is finally history. Gone. Outa here.

Meyer is finally nistory. Gone. Outa here.

"Hasta la vista, baby," quipped Peri Jude Radecic, chief lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In case you've been sitting under a rock for a decade or so, you know that Dannemeyer has been the most vociferous, motivated, opinionated, stalwart, and unrelenting force fighting equal rights for lesbians and gays in the House for the last 14 years. Only Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) stands between him and the title of all-time congressional homophobe.

Now he is departed. Split.
Blown town. Skedaddled.
Ironically, it was the law-maker's own ambition that

the land.

Ben Schatz

American Medical Associa-

"The AMA has a history of "The AMA has a history of opposing policy statements prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. You'll be seeing AAPHR taking a more vocal role about that also," Schatz said

In addition to annual con-ferences and policy state-ments and its MERP,

Ding, Dong, Dannemeyer's Gone

AAPHR also started the Les-bian Health Foundation, the first foundation in the country that distributes funds for les-bian health care issues. The AAPHR group has affiliates in 17 cities across the country and in Canada, in-

country and in Canada, in-cluding the Bay Area Physi-cians for Human Rights. Schatz replaces Pierre Ludington, who retired from the post after six years.

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Ironically, it was the law-maker's own ambition that led to his truncated congressional career. When California Governor Pete Wilson nominated a Dannemeyer arch-foe, former state legislator John Seymour (R), to fill his old Senate seat in 1990, Dannemeyer vowed to exact his revenge. his revenge.

Dannemeyer had long opposed Seymour for his comparitively moderate stances on abortion and lesbian and gay rights in their shared Orange County base. And viewing the appointment as a personal insult, the anti-gay congressman opted early to challenge Seymour for his party's nomination in 1992. Last June, the verdict came down. Seymour won. Dannemeyer lost.

Now his time's up. Adios. Yesterday's news. The winning question in Final Jeop-

ning question in Final Jeopardy.

Now, this isn't to say that all the demons of homophobia have been banished from the halls of Congress; plenty of other House members have already taken up the fallen banner of homo-hatred on the Hill. Just a few names you're sure to get acquainted with real soon: Reps. Clyde Holloway (R-La.), Tom DeLay (R-Texas), Dan Burton (R-Ind.), and, of course, Orange County and, of course, Orange County

colleagues Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) and Robert K. Dornan (R-Calif.)

"Like zombies, they keep materializing," offered Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "The ringmaster may be gone, but the chimpanzees remain."

In reviewing the ignominate of the collection of the remains of

In reviewing the ignomin-ious career of the Dann-meis-ter, it is next to impossible to chose the clearest exam-ple of his lifelong quest for

was strength of the belief that AIDS was spread through "spores"? Perhaps it was the years he

(Continued on page 21)



Rep. William Dannemeyer

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

## Sacto Passes Domestic Partner Legislation

A domestic partners bill passed the Sacramento City Council by a seven to two vote on October 13, covering all employees of all employers in the state capital and any contractors doing business with the city.

Those wishing to register as domestic partners must file a notarized form with the city clerk. The partners must be unmarried persons 18 years of are or older and unrelated.

of age or older and unrelated in any way that would bar marriage in California. Nei-ther partner may be acting under duress; and any previous domestic partner relation

ship registered with the city must have ended over six months ago, unless it ended in death.

in death.

The effect of the legislation extends to housing—
any lease, rental, or real estate agreement that refers to
"family" will also apply to domestic partners—and employment: any employers with unpaid leave policies must extend it to domestic partners; it also applies to hospitals, which must allow "immediate family" access to domestic partners. domestic partners

The two votes against the measure came from Tom

Chinn, an outgoing board member, and Josh Pane, who represents the "Lavender Heights" (lesbian and gay) neighborhood. Lesbians and gays are outraged by Pane's vote, considering a recall, and discussing the possibility of running an openly gay candidate for his seat as soon as it is available.

as it is available.
Representatives of the
Rutherford Institute, a rightwing legal think tank opposed to gay rights legislation, have vowed to appeal
the measure.
The bill will take effect in
30 days.



**Benefit Run** 

Sari Staver and Ken Gorczyca pose with Morgan and Igor at the FrontRunners' October 11 run to benefit Pets Are Wondeful Support.

## New Title for Delaney

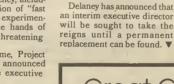
The founder of Project Inform, a leading AIDS advocacy group, is relinquishing his title of executive director.

Martin Delaney, a sometimes controversial figure in AIDS medical politics, announced on October 13 that he will continue to work on behalf of AIDS treatment issues at Project Inform, but will no longer bear his old title. He has reportedly said his role there will remain largely unchanged, but that he will unchanged, but that he will assume the title of founding director, and make way for a new executive director who will manage the day to day af-fairs of the San Francisco of-

fice.
Project Inform has played a prominent role in disseminating information about new

and alternative treatments for AIDS since the early days of the pandemic. Over the last few years Delaney has come under fire by some AIDS activists who perceived a shift away from his early, more confrontational positions against the Food and Drug Administration to a more con-Administration to a more con rauministration to a more con-ciliatory stance. Other ac-tivists have praised him for the same shift, believing it has helped to bring about changes at the agency, including the introduction of "fast tracking" that gets experimen-tal drugs into the hands of people with life-threatening

As of press time, Project Inform had not announced contender for the executive director position.



Martin Delaney

## **Institute Announces** Study of AIDS **Dementia Caregivers**

by Dennis Conkin

The special needs of care-givers of people with HIV de-mentia are being studied by a Wright Institute doctoral can-

didate in psychology.

"While there are a number of other studies of AIDS careof other studies of AID's care-givers currently under way, I've developed this study out of the belief that caring at home for a loved one with AID's dementia can be partic-

AIDS dementia can be particularly stressful and draining," said Daniel Murphy, M.A.

The study seeks to interview an estimated 60 caregivers on a confidential one-time basis. The hour-long interview will also include the completion of a questionaire.

Once a special needs of caregivers of people with HIV dementia are more understood, programs and services can be created to help them

can be created to help them meet those needs, Murphy

said.
"I decided to conduct the study based on my own experience working with people with AIDS dementia as part of my training, and by having friends who had HIV dementia, and from talking to people working in this area," Murphy said.

Murphy estimated 10 percent of people with AIDS may eventually develop symptoms of moderate to severe dementia and about 40 percent develop milder forms that include some impairment of neurological functioning, including mild memory and motor problems.

"One of the [worst] things about the dementia is that it waxes and wanes; that some days a person may be lucid and clear and able to plan things with a caregiver, and other days they may be unable to," he said.

"There are not a lot of services for caregivers. There was a recent class for caregivers by the Family Support Project that taught a lot of basic skills that are useful in caring for someone with HIV dementia, but there may be a need for more respite care and other areas. I'd like to find out what are the areas that people feel there are a need for more services," Murphy said.

need for more services; Murphy said.

For more information about the study contact Daniel Murphy at (415) 905-6141. ▼

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#### **Endorsements**

## B.A.R. Recommends **★ STATE ★ PROPOSITIONS**

#### **PROPOSITION 155** VOTE NO 1992 SCHOOL FACILITIES BOND ACT

We urge a no vote on this bond issue. For the last five years we have had a similar measure on every ballot. Most of these issues have passed, and yet they keep coming back to the well for even more money. We cannot keep going deeper into debt. The \*arguments are the same every year: safer schools, earthquake preparedness, etc. The state needs real reform in the entire school system. We must stop the "band-aid" approach to education. The citizens of California deserve better. Vote NO on Proposition 155.

#### PROPOSITION 156 PASSENGER RAIL AND **CLEAN AIR BOND ACT**

This bond act would help to supplement the Sweeping Rail Act passed by voters in last year's general election. The state needs to get away from auto and highway transportation and get into clean air rail service. Rail service will help to increase the mobility of persons with disabilities, seniors and others who don't drive. Vote YES on Proposition 156.

## **TOLL ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

The voters elected to allow toll roads in the state for those who wish to use them. This argument would return those roads to the state from the private sector after 35 years. The state would then have to repair those roads and they want to keep toll fees on these roads. We do not need another bureaucracy. Vote NO on Proposi-

## PROPOSITION 158 VOTE OFFICE OF CALIFORNIA ANALYST

This would make the Office of California Analyst an independent agency under the Constitution. The citizens of this state do need a watchdog agency to keep its legislature in check. We believe this would be a beneficial move on behalf of the electorate. Vote YES on Proposition 158.

#### **PROPOSITION 159 VOTE YES** OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

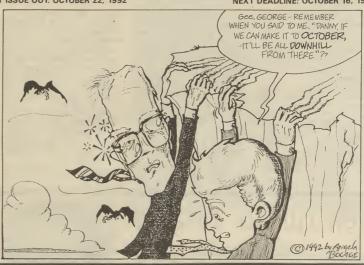
This measure is similar to the preceding Prop. 158. It would make the Auditor General a constitutional office and take it out of the hands of the Legislature once it is set up. We believe this would also benefit California citizens. Neither one of these measures would be cost heavy, and would probably pay for themselves. Vote YES on Proposition 159.

#### **PROPOSITION 160 VOTE NO** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

We have enough special interest tax exemptions in this state This proposition goes too far. What we need is a comprehensive change in the entire property tax structure so that it is equitable for all. Vote NO on Proposition 160.

#### **PROPOSITION 161 VOTE YES** PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED **DEATH-TERMINAL CONDITION**

The measure would allow mentally competent adults to instruct their physicians in writing to provide aid-in-dying upon their request when they became terminally ill. The authorization could be recalled at any time. We all have had too many of our friends die agonizing deaths because no one would help them.



There is also a growing segment of our community which is helping people to pass over quietly. This would make it unnecessary for the people to hide or keep quiet. In this day of prolonged artificial life, we feel this is a viable alternative to a life without hope or meaning. We have done extensive editorials on this subject and we urge your support. Vote YES on Proposition 161.

#### PROPOSITION 162 VOT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES **VOTE NO** RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

This would effectively remove any controls over rampant abuses in the administrations of retirements funds. The bulk of these funds come from taxpayers through general funds and payrolls. We should tighten controls on these funds, not loosen them. Vote NO on Proposition 162.

#### **PROPOSITION 163** VOTE YES REPEALS TAXATION OF **CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS**

A step in the right direction to remove a stupid tax on bottled water, candy bars and myriad other items. Enacted last year by Governor Wilson. This tax represents less than one half of one percent of the overall state budget. One of the rare times that no one is opposing this absurd tax. Vote YES on Proposition 163.

#### **PROPOSITION 164 VOTE NO CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS**

While we agree that term limits are the way to go, we don't believe we should cripple the state at this time. We should wait until the congressional system of seniority is revised or done away with. If we go for this at this time, we would weaken the state's position in federal levels. We also believe that limiting terms without restricting the federal bureaucracy will increase this body, increase taxes and also hurt the citizens of California. The time is not right for the initiative.
Vote NO on Proposition 164.

#### **PROPOSITION 165** VOTE NO THE SO-CALLED **WELFARE REFORM**

This is Governor Wilson's attempt at welform reform. It is a bad attempt at placing uptight, moralistic views on persons of color, children and other needy individuals. Like many other state programs, welfare must be addressed and worked on. The proposition does not do this. It is reprehensible to children and must be defeated. Vote NO on Proposition 165.

#### PROPOSITION 166 VOT BASIC HEALTH CARE VOTE NO COVERAGE

This is a self-serving initiative backed by our friends at the California Medical Association. This proposal is not a basic health plan for all Californians. It does not address health in-surance for the indigent or for those out of work It goes on the premise that all can afford to pay some sort of premium. It also states that the state must exempt itself from federal ERISA laws. I think you can smell the dead rat right about here. Read the text of this initiative and you will see that it was written by the insurance industry as well as the medical profession. Vote NO on Proposition 166.

#### **PROPOSITION 167** VOTE NO STATE TAXES INITIATIVE STATUTE

This is not a tax reform. It is a ploy from special interest groups from unions to different seniors groups. We must force our legislators to address these issues and stop putting them on the ballot. Everytime one passes on the ballot, it just screws up tax reforms even more. Vote NO on Proposition 167

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#### **KOED Oueers**

In your recent editorial supporting Howard Wallace In your recent editorial supporting Howard Wallace in his campaign for election to the Board of Directors for KQED, your comments were so selective that we, as members of KQED's Gay and Lesbian Staff (G.A.L.S.), felt it important to finish the story for both your readers and yourselves. In your editorial, you note that "a member of our family — the great lesbian and gay family — is running for the board of KQED." Actually, three members of our great queer family are running for the board, Wallace, Peter Adair (an independent film maker whose most recent film, Absolutely Positive, has aired on KQED), and Bill Glenn (who has been ser ving on the board and is running solutely Positive, has aired on KQED), and Bill Glein who has been ser ving on the board and is running for reelection this year). Furthermore, your editorial seems to imply that queer people at KQED are somehow not "public" or active in the organization—or out of it, for that matter. This suggestion is not only unequivocally false, but also extremely insulting. In fact, two of our current board members (both excellent board members (both excellent board members described).

cellent board members and very pro-active on queer issues) are very out gay men who are also quite active in the lesbian and gay community. KQED Board Member Bill Glenn, who we mentioned was running In the lesbian and gay community. KQED Board Member Bill Glenn, who we mentioned was running for reelection, has served or is serving on the boards of 18th Street Services, SF AIDS Foundation (of which he was president], ACLU's Gay Rights Chapter and the National Gay Rights Advocates. KQED Board Member Jim Hormel serves on the boards of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, 18th Street Services, the SF AIDS Emergency Fund and has been very active politically on behalf of a number of queer issues (and we believe we read in this newspaper that he just gave a large grant to the SF Library Foundation for their collection of Lesbian and Gay materials). On our 14-member Community Advisory Panel, we have one lesbian and two out gay men — Dianne Benjamin, Paul DiDonato and Fred Sonenberg — who have all also been very active in the queer community. Furthermore, G.A.L.S. not only exists, but are a determined group of very loud queers! We are visible and active women and men raising our voices in every wing of the organization. We are producers, newsreporters, managers, fundraisers, writers, programmers, designers, engineers, accountants — and from

reporters, managers, fundraisers, writers, programmers, designers, engineers, accountants — and from an assortment of cultural, economic and political backgrounds. We are working on a number of issues of concern to lesbians and gays both inside and outside KQED and have been doing so (and making progress) for the past four years. If the B.A.R. would look around, you'd have noted us reach out to our community (most recently) at a Lesbian and Gay Pride Month celebration at KQED, at the Castro Theatre, at the Stud bar and even on the corner of 18th & Castro.

Finally, we would like to invite anyone and everyone Finally, we would like to invite anyone and everyone in the queer community and out of it, current board members and prospective board members, to write to any of us, Dino, Carol or Greg, with your questions about G.A.L.S. or about KQED's involvement with our "great lesbin and gay family." Write to us at KQED, 2601 Mariposa St., San Francisco, CA. 94110. We'll do our best to answer any questions.

Dino Piacentini Carol Pierson Greg Geurin Members, KQED G.A.L.S. San Francisco

P.S. GALS is not endorsing any candidates for the Board of KQED. We are willing to work on KQED lesbian and gay issues with any board member or prospective board member whether he/she be queer or

#### "Out" Anti-Gay Attackers

I am continually amazed at terms like "homosex

and continuary aniazed at terms like homosex-ual lifestyle" (Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton's alleged quote) and "homosexual agenda." There is no such thing! It is time to clarify the difference between being a "homosexual" and being "gay." "Gay" refers to a lifestyle, a subculture that people choose to be part of. "Homosexual" refers to a sexual orientation, an innate state of sexual preference over which individuals

nate state of sexual preference over which individuals have no choice.

These two words are commonly confused by fundamentalists and gays alike. This confusion inhibits clarity, and clarity is what we need when dealing with the enemies of gay rights.

Although we can assume that our vehement opponents are not part of the "gay community," amongst them there must surely exist many a tormented homosexual. We need to be clear about this when we confront their bigotry.

confront their bigotry.
In watching local and national debates between fundamentalists and gay rights proponents, it seems to me that the focus is almost always on defending our right to exist. Perhaps it is time to change the focus of the debates. I think it is important to question the sex lives and the sexual orientation of those who condemn gays. Let us do so on television, the radio and in the media. We should put the focus on our opponents; they are the sick ones who need to be helped. Those who fear and hate others usually do so in response to what they fear and hate in themselves. It is time to "out" those homosexuals who attack gays.

Lee Sierecki San Francisco

#### Proposition I Could Be Costly

Most San Franciscans have been hardened by too many requests for spare change and too many people whose presence they find offensive, so I will not try to appeal to anyone's sense of compassion. Proposition J should be defeated because it is a stupid idea which will not solve the problem, but only make

which will not solve the protein, sate things worse.

If we want to handle aggressive pahnandling, Prop.

J is not needed for that. Its main defect, however, is
its vague wording, which can be interpreted in unexpected ways. Take the phrase: "Money or other things
of value." Do we want to arrest people if they ask for money for a legitimate charity or signatures on a petion or even for a match to light a cigarette? All of the are things of value.

If Prop. J passes, the city will wind up spending thousands of dollars in defending a measure which inevitably will be declared unconstitutional. Rather than waste money on lawyers, wouldn't it be better to spend it on rehabilitation programs to get the homeless off the streets? Prop. J is not only mean-spirited, but also fiscally irresponsible.

> David Grav San Francisco

#### **Boycotting An Air Carrier**

The following letter was sent to Customer Relations, America West Airlines, Phoenix,

Over a year ago, after many years of flying on America West, I obtained your VISA card through Security Pacific Bank in order to obtain frequent flyer mile credits on America West when I charge to VISA.

Recently, Security Pacific Bank was taken over by Bank of America. As you are no doubt aware, Bank of America is currently embroiled in a dispute with of America is currently embroiled in a dispute with the gay and lesbian community over its continued funding of the Boy Scouts of America, an organization that by refusing to accept gay youth as members and perpetrates the myth that being gay is somehow in contradiction to what the Boy Scouts and America supposedly stand for.

By working with Bank of America, America West allies itself with an organization that supports groups.

By working with Bank of America, America West allies itself with an organization that supports groups that discriminate against gays and lesbians. This is a direct affront to all gays and lesbians who fly America West. Since you are an employee-owned airline, you most surely have a large number of gay men in your organization. Working with Bank of America is a slap in their face as well. By supporting an organization that funds a major group that discriminates against us, you send out the message that somehow gays and lesbians are less than fully functioning members of the larger human society and undeserving of all the rights, freedoms and protections due in a just society.

the larger human society and undeserving of all the rights, freedoms and protections due in a just society. Bank of America also charges a huge amount of interest on its VISA card. While my other VISA card from Household Credit Service charges 15.9 percent. Bof A charges an unheard of 19.5 percent. And while Household Credit Service charges 2 percent interest on cash advances, Bof A charges 4 percent! I urge you to switch your VISA card to a bank such as Wells Fargo which does not discriminate against gays and lesbians. I also urge you to switch to a bank that charges a lower interest rate than Bank of America.

America.

I will be sending a copy of this letter and your reply to several gay publications with large San Francisco Bay Area and national circulations. This way, tens of thousands of potential flyers on America West will be informed of your decision. If I don't hear from you in the next few weeks, I'll simply send the letter ahead for publication without benefit of your reply. Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Jason Serinus Oakland, CA

### Bisexuals, Transgender Community Are Protected

It was erroneously reported in the B.A.R. printed after Gov. Pete Wilson signed AB2601, (the "Gay Rights Bill") that the legislation did not protect bisex-

Rights Bill") that the legislation did not protect bisex-uals or members of the transgender/transsexual com-munity. I just want to clarify this misunderstanding. AB2601 illegalizes job discrimination on the basis of "sexual or ientation," an expression it does not define. However, sexual orienation is defined in California's Hat e Crimes Act as "heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality." So AB2601 illegalizes job discrimination against bisexuals and heterosex-

Further, the deliberate omission of any definition of "sexual orientation" from AB2601 allows future courts or the Labor Commission to extend coverage to include, for example, members of the transgender community

Pierre DuFour, Bi Friendly Network San Francisco



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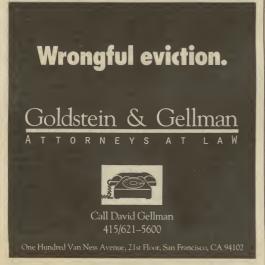
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#### Letters

#### Vetoes Mean We're Expendable

The following letter was sent to Governor Pete Wilson; State Capitol, Sacramento, CA:

Your veto of several recent civil rights bills is a tragedy for the many underserved, abused and endangered Californians on whose behalf these rules

AB 3825, the Civil Rights Restoration Act, would have done more to protect all citizens of our diverse state from discrimination than any bill that has ever crossed your desk. That bill passed the legislature crossed your desk. That bill passed the legislature with the sponsorship of over eighty civil rights groups statewide. Your blatantly political veto leaves us even worse off than before. Not only does it tell many of your constituents that we are considered second-class citizens, it reinforces bigotry and sends a chilling message of tolerance and acceptability to those who perpetrate hate crimes in this state.

AB 2525, the needle exchange bill, could have provided an invaluable tool in the struggle against the spread of HIV disease and AIDS, particularly in our inner cities where it has been most difficult to

spread of HIV disease and AIDS, particularly in our inner cities where it has been most difficult to disseminate effective information regarding HIV prevention. As has been demonstrated in cities in which needle exchange programs operate, no measurable increase in IV drug use has been associated with these programs. Simply put, needle exchange reduces the risk of HIV transmission among IV drug users. Because of your veto, those citizens addicted to IV drug use have become the latest in a series of human sacrifices to political expediency and the intolerance of the right wing.

AB 3019 would have prohibited both employment and housing discrimination on the basis of sexual

and housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The inclusion of housing protection in this bill makes it far superior to AB 2601, the weak and basically ineffective lesbian/gay rights bill you sign-

basically interective lesonangay rights on you signed in September.

Your veto of this important legislation has sent millions of Californians the message that we are expendable. We look forward to our next opportunity to prove you wrong.

Gregory Adams and Bennett Carlson Communications Group Committee for Contemporary Family Values San Francisco, CA

#### **Domestic Violence**

I applaud Rachel Pepper for talking about domestic ce in her latest column. She's correct - it's hard to get people to deal with it. I differ with her statement that the problem is necessarily skyrocketing more in straight relationships than in queer relationships. We have no reliable statistics concerning lesbian/gay male domestic violence. Recently there was the shocking San Diego case of the man who shot an arrow into his

San Diego case of the man who shot an arrow into his sleeping lover's skull.

I vividly remember the grief that I suffered in two hellish years of an extremely violent relationship. The violance that I sustained at the hands of my "lover" was only the beginning of my ordeal. The night that I lay bleeding from multiple knife wounds in the hospital, since no doctor would treat a faggot, was insufferable. Then I couldn't get any painkillers. They told me that they knew what "you people" do with drugs. Many gay male friends refused to deal with it. Some shared their rape fantasies with me. Others placed the blame on me for not fetting out of the relationship. Others, from middleclass backgrounds spoke of the violence of the underclass. Luckily, I had a few the violence of the underclass Luckily, I had a few female and male feminist friends who helped me finally escape his shadow. I didn't have support groups. Then, the crisis lines only served women. Now there are some networks of support for gay men suffering from domestic violence

I will always bear his physical and emotional scars. Last year, when I ran into my abuser for the first time in fifteen years, the panic and fear returned instantly. Because I carry his shadow over my heart, I find the well-intentioned Liz Clairborne ads to be very disturbing. I applaud the fact that a company that prothis from women would support a fligh visibility cam-paign addressing such an important issue. I have a problem with the chosen images. Rachel Pep-per wrote that the billboards are "a striking sight." Un-fortunately, this is true in more than one aspect. I consider the Barbara Kruger's image that instructs consider the Barbara Kruger's image that instructs women to "get out" to be rather insulting to women (and men) who are presently suffering abuse. If only it were that simple! Where do you go? Are there enough well-funded shelters to provide housing for all abuse sufferers? Are the police always understanding? Where do gay men go to escape abuse?

The image with the fist is an emotional assault. Confrontation is often an effective tool, but who feels confronted by this image? The Spanish language sign that I saw misspelled the first word in the sign, thereby dulling its impact.

dulling its impact.
October is Stop Domestic Violence Month. Maybe the B.A.R. could do a feature article on this issue during October, with listings of resources for lesbians and gay men. Women, Inc. has created high visibility win-dow displays for Modern Times, Old Wives Tales and A Different Light bookstores. To others who suf-fer/suffered violence at the hands of those we love, remember, survival is the best revenge.

Tede Matthews

#### Proposition 161

Your pungent unctuous editorial on Extreme Unccaught my nose at the Eye Doctor's office

When we cut through all the vitriolic bigotry and

factual fallacies, eg:
"... Every Sunday from now until November elections..." The clergy 'will launch an unprecedented
campaign to convince those attending the worship serto contribute to the defeat of state proposition

(This is simply not true. Earlier in the summer one voluntary collection was taken and sent to the cam-paign. Hopefully, we will be talking to our people about the universally held commandment "Thou shalt

"... The Roman Catholic Church is ... opening up their massive treasures and coin coffers in dioceses

all over California to help defeat the initiative ..."

(Not one penny of Church money is going to the campaign).

campaign).

When we get through that, we come to the crux: to support or not support Proposition 161.

Our position is quite clear: we simply do not have the right to take innocent life. "Thou shalt not kill." This is not the invention of the Roman Catholic Church. There is not a single religion or nation in the world; that allows euthansia. world that allows euthanasia

world that allows euthanasia.
Your hatred of and anger with the Catholic Church is getting in your way of truth and reason. I could not believe a gay paper would endorse Proposition 16!!
Are you getting tired of treating your brothers and sisters who have AIDS? What message are you sending to these beautiful men and women?
We now have all kinds of pain relief available for those suffering terminal diseases; pain is not the issue. Love and compassion is the issue. The discouragement of the hundreds with AIDS that I have attended is whether they are a burden on others, not whether they want to live, to hope for a cure.
You must know that you are playing into the reactionary forces of efficiency and their determination to reduce medical costs.

to reduce medical costs.

You may not like the position of our Church on many things and I would hope that we could find a way to discuss those differences with reason and love, but this is one piece of reactionary bait that I hope the gay community does not swallow.

Msgr. John J. O'Connor, Pastor Mission Dolores San Francisco

Ed. Note: Thou shalt not bear false witness; accord Ed. Note: Inou shalt not bear lalse witness; according to the No on 161 Committee, the Archdiocese of San Francisco has contributed \$3,789.50, part of \$50,000 of "church money" donated by various state bishops, dioceses and archdioceses. Hardly "not one securi".

The Church cares less about life itself than power

or it would be passing out condoms in its schools.

When that starts happening, and when the Vatican stops calling for institutionalized bigotry that can lead to unemployment and lack of housing for lesbians and gays then it will be possible to consider the above to be more than drivel

#### No Republicans Allowed?

I am writing to vent some anger over a situation in the Castro I see as increasingly intolerable. Although I am a strong advocate of freedom of speech, it frankly annoys me to no end to have the Castro perpetually trashed with a deluge of foolish, insulting and divisive flyers and handbills. The Castro, although I actually reside over the hill in Noe Valley, is as much a sanctuary to me (a Republican — gaspl) as it is to ACT UP or Queer Nation types who seem to regard themselves as spokesmen for all the gay community. Over the weekend I was handed (as well as sattewn all over the sidewalks, of course) a yellow hand-

Over the weekend I was handed (as well as saw strewn all over the sidewalks, of course) a yellow handbill which I found particularly offensive. It advertises some new tea dance on Sundays called "XDREAM", generally purported to be "for queers of all persuasions" But this handbill continues, after announcing its opening party, that "This party is N.R.A.P. (No Republican Assholes, Please)". It seems that "queers of all persuasions" do not include gay Republicans like myself. I say, fine with me! I choose not to think of myself in such self-deprecating terms as "queer" anyways, but I am a part of the gay community that is not going to go away and I am tired of having the streets and walls of the neighborhood I am most comstreets and wais of the heighborhood raim loss com-fortable in, trashed with materials that attempt to make me feel like a pariah in my own community. (Also, to top it off, this event doesn't even occur in the Castro at all, but at some bar called the 11th Hour down on Market Street — so the neighborhood gets trashed with advertising junk that doesn't even bring

trasned with advertising julk that doesn't even bring more business to it.)

I know the Republican Party's platform has some problems now with gay issues, but who do you think can change that — ACT UP? If this trashing and exploitation of the Castro continues, I may form a group called SWEEP-UP (Sick With Exploitative, Politically Uncivil Polluter), and call for a boycott of every business and organization that advertises this way.

San Francisco

Ed. Note: You do that, dear.

## Kinder and Gentler Than Whom?

with his reelection campaign still lagging in the polls, and defeat looking more probable every day, George Bush, who once labeled himself the "kinder, gentler" president, has decided that the only way he can possibly win only way he can possibly win is to turn his campaign negative. Election day looms less than three weeks away, and with all else failing, the president has taken to attacking Bill Clinton's patriotism. In other words, when all else fails, try the low road and suggest your opponent is somehow unAmerican.

In Red-baiting reminiscent of McCarthyism, Bush has questioned Clinton's "involvement in anti-Vietnam War" demonstrations. To impugn

duestioned clinton's involve-ment in anti-Vietnam War" demonstrations. To impugn Clinton's patriotism because 25 years ago, as a 22-year-old college student, he opposed our involvement in a war is not only cowardly of the pres-ident, it's downright dema-goguish. Although Bush, ex-plaining away the actions of some Republican friends now serving in Congress, once conceded that decent, principled people could easily take either side of the Vietnam controversy — it's worth pointing out that of all the Republicant properties of the vietnam controversy in the best between the control of the control of the vietnam control of the vietna licans now serving in both the House and U.S. Senate, less than six served in Vietnam, while several dozen evaded it in one fashion or another —
now he would like to make now he would like to make Clinton's position an issue of "Americanism." After once claiming the Vietnam War should be "left alone" as an issue in a campaign a quarter of a century later, Bush seems to want to make one's position on the war some kind of litmus test of patriotism and fitness for high office.

In an interview last week, Bush even went so far as to suggest something sinister of the fact that Clinton, while a

suggest something sinister of the fact that Clinton, while a student at Oxford in England, visited Moscow with a group of other students. Millions of Americans, at home and abroad, demonstrated against the Vietnam War, a dirty conflict we should have never engaged in, and thousands of Americans visited the Soviet Union during the '60s. Are all of them "Commie sympathiz" of them "Commie sympathiz-

s" as well? George is trying desperate-George is trying desperate-ly to live up to his own cam-paign pledge of doing "what-ever it takes to win re-elec-tion," knowing that with the Cold War over (depriving the Republicans of their favorite campaign issue) he must turn negative to overturn all the polls that show him soon becoming a one-term president.
Red-baiting Bill Clinton won't
work and the Republicans
(except for Bush) know it.
Only last week, Admiral
William Crowe, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
Staff under both Reagen and

Staff under both Reagan and Bush, said he was "very dis-tressed" at Bush's remarks and his questioning of Bill Clinton's patriotism. "I strong-ly resent the implication that ly resent the implication that any candidate or any party, any political party, has a monopoly on patriotism; I can testify from my own life and my own service, it is simply not true," Crow said. Bush seems to be learning too late in the campaign that

the public is tired of negative campaigning and wants to hear the candidates' plans for the economic crisis, the AIDS



Local activists watch the presidential debate October 11 at Democratic headquarters. (Photo: Judi Parks)

epidemic, the lack of a decent medical system, crime, and other domestic problems. Instead of Clinton-bashing, Bush could be pointing out that his administration could take credit for ending the Cold War, the fall of Communications of the country Cold War, the fall of Commu-nism, confronting Saddam Hussein, etc. If, that is, he has the courage to talk about the failures of his administration as well.

Red-baiting is the move of a desperate politician; George and his political handlers know that, but they apparent-ly believe it is the only prayer

ly believe it is the only prayer they have. What should be a campaign of ideas and programs has become one that Bush has taken into the mud Bush has taken into the mud hole. The American people, and certainly gay and lesbian Americans, deserve better from their president. We must elect Clinton and Gore on November 3 and send the anti-gay Bush-Quayle ticket into deserved retirement.

#### Commentary

#### People & Politics

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So, who won the great debate Sunday? While I am admittedly a bit biased in this, I would have to give it to Bill Clinton. While all the pundits, analysts and spin doctors all have their theories, I'd have to agree with KRON's Rollin Post that, overall, Clinton won the night merely because George Bush didn't win.

Most political observers agreed before the debate that Bush would have to score a knockout in order to win because he is apparently so far behind in all the polls. That didn't mess up, he didn't do what everyone said he had to do. Therefore, by holding his own (and possibly even winning, if only by a bit) Bill Clinton comes out the "winner," if there was one.

Clinton comes out the "winner," if there was one.

Sure, Ross Perot got in more of the cute one-liners and by the time this is printed he'll probably take a slight bump up in the polls, but he remains the jester in all this. I would have to agree that after Sunday night's one and one-half-hour political docudrama, those who liked Bush before the debate say he won; those who liked Clinton think he won, and since there are curwon, and since there are cur-rently more people nation-wide who like Clinton (again, wide who like Clinton (again, according to the polls) you probably would have to say that in the end the "winner" was probably Clinton. He looked good, was prepared, and stung the president real good on the "patriotism" issue. From where I sit, this election is Clinton's to lose. Sure he's a hypocrite: after appointing Mary Fisher, a prominent Republican AIDS activists to replace basketball great Magic Johnson to the National Commission on AIDS last week, the president allowed Ms. Fisher to 'pin' him with the symbolic red AIDS ribbon as he was rushing for a plane, which White House aides made sure the press photographed: when the "kinder, gentler" president got off the plane three hours later, the red ribbon was noticeably gone; Barbara Bush

later, the red ribbon was no-ticeably gone; Barbara Bush pulled the same trick during prime time television at the GOP National Convention. And if you're a San Fran-cisco politician, it doesn't get much better than Bill Man-del's column in the Sunday Examiner when, in praising her plan to solve the city's Examiner when, in praising her plan to solve the city's economic woes, he starts off by saying, "If fate is kind to San Francisco, someday Carole Migden will be mayor of this town." (Take this guy to lunch, Carole.) And incidentally Lathiel Migden is one of ly, I think Migden is one of the hardest workers at City Hall myself. What the hell, it Hall myself. What the heil, it looks like every other politico plans to run against Frank Jordan the next time around, so why not Carole as well? Run, don't walk, to get the November issue of Vanity

November issue of Vanity Fair with Elizabeth Taylor on the cover (holding a condom) and the extensive interview in which she discusses her passionate fight against AIDS, her many for friends and the her many gay friends, and the chicken shit big name Hollywood types who are afraid to get involved in the fight against AIDS because of their against AIDS obecause of their careers. I was in love with Elizabeth Taylor long before any of us ever heard of AIDS, so I am prejudiced, but this lady is a saint.

If you believe the latest

Chron poll, most of the incumbents, except perhaps Terence Hallinan, are headed to re-election, but I say Cleve Jones, Sue Bierman and Richard Hongisto have a real shot.

Well it looks as though the Giants are really history now, but on this one we have to give Mayor Frank credit for making a real effort.

San Francisco friends are very worried about reports out of Paris about the failing

the health of ballet star

the health of ballet star Rudolf Nureyev.
Oregon's Episcopal bishops have denounced a ballot proposal there (Measure 9) that calls homosexuality "wrong, unnatural and perverse" and would overturn laws in several localities barring discrimination against ring discrimination against gays; earlier this summer, the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, a statewide coalition of

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## Making Book and Circling Uranus

The third annual San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival takes place this weekend and if you're a book nerd like me, you know al-ready where you're going to be. Held each fall at the Concourse Exhibition Center, in two short years the free book fest has already established itself as the leading West Coast

book lovers event.

Last year the book festival drew more than 35,000 people, twice that of the first year, and this year more than 250 exhibitors and 50,000 attendants are expected. Besides an impressive array of multicultural displays, master classes by leading chefs and a "Booklover's Ball," spearheaded by an active gay and les-bian caucus on the festival's



**Pussy Tourette** 

to dazzle.

Scheduled speakers of particular interest to the gay community include both locally and nationally acclaimed cany and nationally acciaimed authors like Dorothy Allison, John Preston, Armistead Maupin, Lillian Faderman, Marvin Liebman, Alison Bechdel and Michael Nava. One of the festival's more in-teresting events will be when Susan Faludi and Naomi Wolf, two of contemporary feminism's shining stars, share the stage together on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Unfortu-nately, there isn't space here to list full details about specifto list tull details about specific times for readings, but the fest lasts from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days so if you show up even for a few hours one or the other day, you're sure to catch someone of interest.

I've been ducking out of hi-bernation long enough these days to enjoy a few of the many special treats San Francisco holds for us. One of these was partaking in the Castro Street Fair, one of the birth help days. high holy days on San Francisco's queer calendar. Sitting behind the *Deneuve* table, behind the Deneuve table, revelling in the sunshine, I spent an exhausting afternoon downing several nutritious helpings of Peace Pops and Rolling Rocks while I cruised the crowd. Afterward, fresh from a lovely nap, my roommate Eric conned me into going to Club Uranus with him for "just one drink." Despite the fact that I know from experience that this really means he'd like a chauffeur, I agreed in the name of bit of roommate bonding.

By the time we got to

Uranus just after 10 p.m., the oranus just after to p.m., the place looked the worse for wear after what had obvious-ly been a busy day. Shattered glass and smelly puddles of unidentifiable liquid lay all over the outdoor patio, which none of the scarce staff around deemed worth attendaround deemed worth attending to. The crowds of activists that used to make this place interesting are long since gone, and there wasn't a single drag queen in sight.

Worse yet, the ever gracious Tom, we found out that night, isn't the doorman there anymore! And not only does this change the ambiance of

this change the ambiance of the place more than I could've imagined, it meant I had to pay five lousy bucks to get into this sorry spot. It's sadly obvious that Uranus' reign at the top of the queer club universe is long since over, and after we'd sipped two drinks on the patio. two drinks on the patio, watching some drugged out club kid rave by himself in twisted contortions, Eric and I made each other promise never to let the other go back

there again.

On one particularly ambitious evening I caught the glamorous Justin Bond at Athens by Night in his one man show, "Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living." Athens by Night is one of those strange places complete with an indoor waterfall, grotesque stuffed animal heads mounted on the wall, and waitresses who burst into the bathroom while you're freshening up to complain about the entertain-ment onstage. Daula and I occupied ourselves before the

show by sinking into lounge chairs and chuckling at the stereotypical but ever so sweet behavior of the butch-femme couple in front of us. After a seeming eternity, Glam finally took the stage, and, as is wont to happen sometimes when you give a drag queen a microphone, re-fused ever to give it up. When we finally escaped, I

zipped on over to the Club-house, where Maneuvers was presenting an evening with Pussy Tourette and a special screening of Ram Studio's Genders Anonymous photo exhibit. Shy fan of Pussy that I am, I hid upstairs checking out various sets of genitalia until she went onstage. Occupying a whole wall of the studio, Genders Anonymous is quite a sight to behold. Various cocks and cunts of people we all know hang inter-spersed with their facial pro-files, and trying to guess what belongs to whom is certainly half the fun.

Watching Pussy Tourette

watching I ussy foundite perform these days is like watching a successful star-making machine in action. Throngs of bright eyed boys, smiles of adoration on their faces, heads bobbing to the beat, pressed eagerly against the stage. It amused me to notice that I was one of the few women there. Who would have thought that my would have thought that my favorite queer performer could ever be a drag queen with a lineup of songs with titles like "Fuck My Pussy?" Ah, the wonders of life in San Francisco. They never cease to amaze me!

## For people who value their time.



## African American Conference Planned for This Weekend

A two-day conference enti-tled Together We Stand & Walk Proud is planned for Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, at the Metropolitan Community Church of San

the first African American gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual conference, and is taking the controversial step of limiting the first day of the conference to African American conference to African Americans. The following day is open to "African American, open to "African American Asian Pacific Islander, Spanish speakers, Euro American, Native American, Jewish and other ethnic groups' gay, les-bian, bisexual, and transsexual" people.

Throughout the two days,

the conference will provide forums and workshops and attempt "to stimulate ongoing support for ethnic groups in our diverse communities." The event will end with a

The event will all with a fundraising dance.

The conference, which is sponsored by Mary Midgett and co-sponsored by the Na-

tional Task Force on AIDS Prevention and the gay and lesbian studies department of City College San Francisco, will be held at Metropolitan Community Church at 150 Eureka Street. Fees are \$28 for both days' events or \$25 for one day. The fundraising dance will be held at the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street, on October 17 at 8 p.m. A \$10 admission will be charged. ▼ tional Task Force on AIDS

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## PROPOSITION 166 IS BAD MEDICINE

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- California Labor Federation -- AFL/CIO
- Consumers Union
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- California Nurses Association

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- The basic benefit package under Proposition 166 allows limits on doctor and hospital visits, long-term care and diagnostic examinations.
- Under Proposition 166, one long-term debilitating illness such as AIDS could exhaust the entire life-time benefits package. The Proposition 166 basic benefit package limits doctor visits to 20 per year and hospital stays to 45 days annually.
- Under the Proposition 166 basic benefit package, many new and experimental medical treatments would remain <u>NOT</u> covered.



**VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 166** 

## The Tide Begins To Turn In Oregon

A gathering of over 10,000 ys, lesbians and other Oregays, lesbians and other Ore-gonians opposed to the Ore-gon Citizens Alliance-spon-sored Ballot Measure 9 over-flowed Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square October 4 to rally against the measure. Speaker after speaker drove home the message that those

in the gay and lesbian community in Oregon are "fighting for our lives."

Bob Hattoy, a Clinton campaign staffer and PWA who spoke at the Democratic constitutions of the production of the prod vention, read a statement from Clinton opposing Mea-sure 9. Hattoy's speech re-ceived some of the loudest cheers at the three-hour rally. The rally was the largest ever

held in the history of Pioneer

Courthouse Square.
All of Oregon's U.S. sena-

All of Oregon's U.S. senators and representatives publicly oppose Measure 9, as do many of those in the state legislature and Oregon county and city governments.

A recent KATUTV statewide poll reported about 60 percent against Measure 9, with 30 percent in favor, and ten percent undecided. Rural Oregon is much more conservative than Portland or Eugene, but there is an established tradition of strong inde-

gene, but there is an estab-lished tradition of strong inde-pendence and a live-and-let-live attitude in the state. The measure has stirred up gay bashing by extremist right-wing elements in the state. A lesbian and a gay man were recently murdered when trapped in a fire in

man were recently murdered when trapped in a fire in Salem caused by a Molotov cocktail allegedly tossed by a skinhead. The suspect has been arrested.

Gay activist Scott Seibert, leader of the anti-Measure 9 organization, OUTPAC (Oregonians United Together Political Action Committee) in Eugene, was forced to beef up security at his home after a burglary of the OUTPAC home office resulted in loss of money, records and names of contributors. This was followed by a rock thrown through his window with a death threat message attached to it.

to it.

The Metropolitan Community Church in Portland was recently burglarized and files containing the names and addresses of all its gay and leshian parishingers were stolen. bian parishioners were stolen. bian parishioners were stolen.
A Hillsboro Catholic church
was defaced with anti-gay
graffiti, after the parish priest
publicly opposed Measure 9
at a community meeting.
As one longtime Portland
resident (non-gay) said, "Ore-

gon has always been known for its tolerance, diversity and kindness. This is new to us, kindness. This is new to us, and we are hurt and baffled."

Scott Seibert of "No on 9" spoke to hundreds of gays and lesbians about the importance of coming out so "their friends don't believe what the OCA says about them". (Photo: Judi Parks)

The ACLU of Oregon calls Measure 9 "an attempt to deny an entire group of Oregonians basic civil rights." The organization believes the

The organization believes the measure, if passed, would be eventually declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, but "could take years of litigation."

The No on 9 Campaign has raised \$922,000 so far, with more money still coming in. Contributors included Roseanne and Tom Arnold (\$5,000) and Gus Van Sant (\$1,500). The OCA, through its No Special Rights PAC, has raised \$178,000.

In an unusual move for a

raised \$178,000.

In an unusual move for a moderate business group, the Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce decided to oppose Measure 9, as top business leaders in the city fear an enormous economic backlash against the state if the measure passes. They cite backlash against the state in the measure passes. They cite what happened to tourism and convention business in Arizona after that state re-fused to allow a paid state holiday honoring Martin

Luther King Jr.

Oregon's tourism industry revenue amounted to \$2.75 billion in 1990, about half spent in the Portland metropolitan area. Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts, who has compared the OCA's tactics to those of Nazi Germany, worries that passage of the measure would seriously impact the Oregon Trail Celebration that is expected to bring in three million tourists next year. "Don't count on three million visitors if Measure 9 passes," she said.

Roberts also said in a letter to those who praised her opposition to Measure 9: "This destructive ballot measure is a betrayal of the best in Oregon — that part in all of us that is optimistic and generous, fair and compassionate. I believe in an Oregon whose plain common sense says we're better, than Measure with the common sense says we're better, than Measure was we're better,

whose plain common sense says we're better than Measays were better than mea-sure 9, an Oregon that chooses to use its collective energy to bring Oregonians together, not tear them apart."

Other organizations, com-panies and individuals oppos-

ing Measure 9 include U.S. Bancorp, Associated Oregon Industries (a state business lobbying group), the Portland chapters of the American Jewish Committee, American Medical Assn. and American Library Assn., several major Portland real estate firms, Michael Powell (owner of Powell's Books), Portland's African American eministers Powell's Books), Portland's African-American ministers, Oregon Roman Catholic Archbishop William J. Levada, former Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, and all the state's major newspapers, including The Oregonian.

The Oregonian stated in a recent editorial that "the primary reasons to defeat Measure 9 are ethical and moral. But don't ignore the reality that a political mugging will produce an economic disaster reaching into every communi-

that a political mugging will produce an economic disaster reaching into every community in the state."
Fundraising efforts by the No on 9 Campaign have been extremely successful, including a September auction that brought in about \$90,000, and "Dine Against 9" that raised about \$25,000.

In the final month before the November 3 election, the No on 9 Campaign is running TV ads produced by Pacey Markman of Zimmerman & Zimmerman, a political advertising firm in San Diego, California.

The spots attempt to explain to Oregon citizens that the true issue involved with Measure 9 is one of civil rights and equality, not "special rights" as constantly repeated by OCA Chairman Lon Mabon, Pat Robertson and their supporters in the religious right.

and their supporters in the re-ligious right.

Film director and Portland Film director and Portland resident Gus Van Sant (My Own Private Idaho, Even Cowgirls Get the Blues and next year's The Mayor of Castro Street) has helped with fundraising events for Portland's No on 9 Campaign, and has personally donated \$1,500. In accepting the ACLU Foundation of Oregon's 1992 Freedom of Expression Award September 29, Van Sant said that "until this year it didn't occur to me as much about how precious as much about how precious an artist's freedom of expres-sion is, because this year more than any other year — we've come up against political forces that challenge that freedom of expression." ▼

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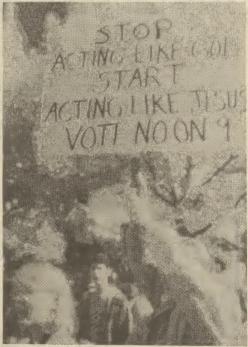
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"No on 9" rally October 4 in Portland, Ore. (Photo: Mary Tapogna)

## **Oregon Lesbians** Terrorized by Bigots, Forced To Flee

by Marghe Covino

DOUGLAS COUNTY, Oregon — Seven women are huddled together for safety in the remote Oregon farmhouse when gunfire shatters the night peace. One of their number is outside and is, obviously in grave danger. A viously, in grave danger. A woman grabs a shotgun, goes outside, and fires into the air. The attackers flee and the night sounds of the crickets and frogs begin to throb again in the night.

and frogs begin to throb again in the night.

Scenes from a movie in a new terrorist/horror genre?

No. It is the new reality for lesbians and gays in Douglas County, Oregon.

If the Christian Coalition's Ballot Measure 9 initiative passes in November, that reality will be the same for all

ity will be the same for all lesbians and gays in the state of Oregon. A similar initiative, also sponsored by right-wing religious groups, is on the ballot in Colorado. It's all too possible that by Novem-ber it will be legal to discriminate against lesbians discriminate against lesbians and gay men. Jobs and housing will no longer be safe. Landlords will be subject to pressure to evict gay and lesbian tenants. All mention of them will be obliterated in books, schools, libraries and other institutions. All access to fight back is blocked by the wording of the initiatives. The time and resources of the gay and lesbian community will be engaged in appealing the initiative to higher courts — if they can. if they can.

The homophobic rhetoric and hate campaign that has been engaged to ensure pas-sage of the Oregon initiative has awakened a companion force: violence. Some observers expect the violence against lesbians and gays to escalate as Election Day draws near. Already the No on 9 of-fice has been vandalized repeatedly. A gay man from Oregon who appeared on the Phil Donahue Show returned home to a ruined apartment. The gunfire in Douglas Coun ty was the culmination of months-long harassment and terrorist tactics against a womyns' commune on Womynsland, a farm in southern Oregon.

Womynsland is owned by

lesbians, two of whom are Jewish; one of the Jewish women, Ruth, is also disabled and a person of color. Other and a person of color. Other women who share the property live in outlying cabins. They have a truck, a garden for food and barter, and are craftspeople and artisans. They live peacefully and simply, with no electricity or running water except in the main house.

house.

The hate campaign started on July 18 when two large sticks and a number seven pool ball were found inexplicably stuffed into the rural mailbox a mile and a half from the main house. On July 27 a note in the mailbox read, "Lezzy Queer Nigger-Jews Die Young!!" The note was made with a stencil and red marker, with a strange smiley marker, with a strange smiley face design and swastikas all over it.

One of the women, only One of the women, only willing to be identified as M.M., told the Bay Area Reporter, "From that day on there were daily harassments and threats — calls to the house and signs of them coming closer and closer to the house. The area is very remote, isolated, there are no houses and neighbors nearby. Some women were folby. Some women were followed down the road by a truck — a friend who came to visit and give support was followed home and found her headlights smashed the following remains."

neadingnts smasned the following morning."

The second note in the mailbox said, "Hey Nigger-Jew We Are Coming To Get You!!! We Are [swastika] Power. We Are Watching YOU!!!" As with the other notes it was illustrated with



swastikas and the eerie little

smiley face.
M.M. said, "We reported the written threats and the telephone calls to the local police. But one of the officers was of the opinion that the threats possibly came from 'a rejected lesbian.' That kind of thinking really made us feel even more isolated and un-safe. We weren't sure about confiding in anyone because

the system seemed to be stacked against us." M.M. doesn't know whether local police reported the death threats received in the mailbox to the postal authorities or whether reports were made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation based on civil rights violations

"Then a third death threat was left on the road closer to the house and after the fourth

death threat was found they painted a swastika on the door of the farmhouse," M.M.

said.

At 9:20 p.m. on the night of August 3 the women heard noises in the dark and banded together in the farmhouse. More noises and yells were heard from the wooded area bordering the road. At 9:30 p.m., unable to stand the

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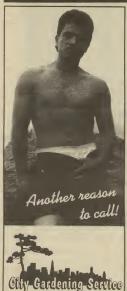
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#### Community

## Shanti Honoree Tells of Living With AIDS and Helping Others

Kevin Brooks is a tall, thin, black man with a deep voice, a hearty laugh, and an affable demeanor. He is 34 years old and has been living

years old and has been living with AIDS for six years.
When asked why he thinks he's being honored by Shanti Project at their annual dinner on October 15, he at first answers, "I'm told its for my community activism," and then somewhat modestly launches into a description of the impressive AIDS activism work he's done in the past six years.

years.

Brooks says he first got involved in the fight against AIDS through radio, by producing a 13-week series for KALX in Berkeley called "Colors of AIDS" about the response of the African American Latin Asian American response of the African American, can, Latino, Asian American, and Native American commu-nities to AIDS. The series was nominated for a Califor-nia Medical Association

award.

The show put him in contact with a broad array of AIDS activists, and from there he "just sort of fell into" AIDS community work, by "being here and there at the right time."

A few years later, he became instrumental in starting

came instrumental in starting BAHSES, Bay Area HIV Support and Education Ser-vices, through which he created a program of support groups, follow-up support, and transportation services for people living with HIV. Though the group focused on communities of color, "if you needed help, we'd help you. We didn't turn anybody

away."
While he's been busy helpwhile he's been busy help-ing others who are living with HIV for the past six years, Brooks says that the fact that he has HIV is something he

deals with on a daily basis.
"It ain't no crystal stair. It's
a constant test. It's hard, very
hard," he describes. "You have nard, ne describes. Tou have a lot of emotions that come out, lots of fears, realizing there is no control, that you have no control. It's very ter-

rifying.

"It's made me re-evaluate myself, my life — put things in priority. What's important

for me to accomplish in the

time I have?
"There's not a morning I wake up I don't know I have HIV, a night I go to bed I don't know I have HIV. It's not something you can put aside, forget about, pretend isn't there. Even when I'm out there smiling, educating

out there smiling, educating people, there's always a shadow that reminds me," he says. "Living with HIV has taught Kevin a whole lot about Kevin. I just don't lie to myself anymore. I don't have time for social games. Time is comething. I'm always aware. something I'm always aware of. Time is always a factor.
"I have a terminal disease.

I don't know when I'm going. I just know I am and there's I just know I am and there's nothing anyone can do about it. So what do you do? What other alternative do I have but to keep on living? So while I'm living am I going to sit around and be depressed or am I going to do something?

thing?
"Then you turn around and you have people who do and you have people who do care, who support you, who tell you you are worth something. Once you get past wallowing in your self-pity, which we all do, you begin listening to those people, you begin to be affirmed, you begin to be proud of who you are, and you find out a lot about yourself.

"It's very important to me that I be remembered. I want people to remember Kevin. I

people to remember Kevin. I think that wish has a lot to do with why I got involved with AIDS work and why I'm an AIDS activist now. Why

when I'm in pain I still go out

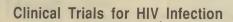
and do things."
Aside from serving on the board of directors of the National Task Force on AIDS
Prevention, Brooks has re-Prevention, Brooks has recently focused his energy on a show he developed called "Rap City — a Safe Time in Sex. Town," which is "about being black, gay, HIV positive, and having AIDS." The conglomeration of rap songs, poetry, and dialogue, which is aimed at young black men, is performed for audiences around the Bay Area by a five-man group (including Brooks) called Knowledge in Motion.

Brooks) called Knowledge in Motion.

"I hope young brothers will stop and listen. It's a medium they're in tune with."
Brooks says. He adds that the songs, which hit on topics ranging from self-esteem to negotiation of safer sex, to loss of loved ones, have received a "great response."

loss of loved ones, have re-ceived a "great response."
In addition to the radio show, BAHSES, the National Task Force on AIDS Preven-tion, and Rap City, Brooks points to something much less formal as one of his most important ways of helping people:

people:
 "I somehow became an ear for people, without me having to say, 'Hey, I'm HIV positive.' I guess I just seem like a good person to talk to. I do care a lot. My philosophy has always been if I can help one person with HIV get to the point of accepting themselves, if I could get one brother to stop before intercourse to put on a rubber, then I'm successful. That's my drive." ▼



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## Lesbians

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stress any longer, Ruth grabbed a rifle and left the house to investigate. Six shots were fired at her by three men standing in the trees. All missed. Ruth fired her rifle at the muzzle flashes in the dark but peace did not prevail until the authoritative boom of the shotgun was heard. The noise provided Ruth with enough cover to get back to the house.

"We packed our things right then," M.M. said, "and we left books and everything and just fled for our lives."

The women went to a "safe house" in Roseburg, Oregon. A few hours later they found a note telling them they had been traced. Again they fled, this time to

Eugene, Oregon. Again they under the door of their refuge read, "You Are Dead Jew Bitch!!! We Are [swastika] Power." Again they fled, this time to the Bay Area where some remain in hiding.

some remain in hiding.

Currently at the farm, friends have taken residence and are mounting a 24-hour security presence. But the women need help and money.

In California messages may be sent to 5337 College Ave., Suite 22, Oakland, California 94613. In Oregon the address is Oregon Womyn's Support Network/Susan Thielle, Post Office Box 1585 Eugene, Oregon 97440. Calls may be made to a message phone in the Bay Area at (510) 486-8979.

The author would like to thank Keith Clark for his assistance researching this series of articles.

#### AIDS Legal Referral Panel Seeks Board **Members**

The AIDS Legal Referral Panel of the San Francisco Bay Area (ALRP) is accepting applications from people interested in serving on its board of directors. Founded in 1983, ALRP provides free and low-cost legal services to people with HIV through its Public Policy Program. ALRP serves 200 clients per month through its panel of 500 attorneys. Responsibilities of board members will include approximately 10-15 hours of work per month. To apply, submit a letter of interest and resume to Ilene Gusfield, 4110 Opal St., Oakland, Calif. 94609. For more information, call 561-8213 or (510) 653-3724.

#### Parties Planned to Encourage Voting

The California Democratic Party is calling on gays and lesbians to hold house parties to rally support for Bill Clinton and other Democratic candidates October 18. The parties will raise funds for a get-out-the-vote effort in the final weeks of the campaign and recruit new lesbian and gay volunteers. The drive is part of a larger effort by the California Democratic Party to raise \$1 million to fund its push to get out the vote. People who host a party will receive a host pack containing 40 invitations and a party planner. Hosts also will receive a video, buttons, and bumper stickers. For more information, call Jean O'Leary or Brian Rix at (310) 289-9212.

#### Hayward Considering Gay Rights Protection

The Demos Democratic Club of Hayward is pushing the Hayward City Council to approve a law prohibiting discrimination against lesbians and gays in employment and housing. The recommendation for the law is part of a broad anti-discrimination plan to be considered by the Council on October 20. The city's Human Services Commission has been studying the proposals to strengthen the city's anti-discrimination plan since early 1992. In August, the Human Services Commission officially voted to recommend the anti-discrimination plan, including the lesbian gay rights proposal.

#### Auction To Benefit AIDS Services

An auction to benefit Face to Face and Food for Thought, two Sonoma County AIDS agencies, will be held October 18 at 2 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Inn, 4302 Santa Rosa Ave. in Santa Rosa. There also will be a raffle with a grand prize of a week for two in Hawaii. For more information call the Santa Rosa Inn at (707) 584-0345 or Face to Face at (707) 887-1647 or Food for Thought at (707) 544-1581.

#### **Shanti To Hold Training**

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Shanti Project will hold a training October 17 for facilitators for support groups for people affected by AIDS. Presently, Shanti offers groups for people with HIV, their families, friends and loved ones. New groups beginning this fall and winter will target gay and bisexual men of color, transgendered people with HIV, people experiencing multiple loss, women with HIV, HIV-negative gay/bisexual men, heterosexual men with HIV and other communities as the need arises. People interested in becoming a facilitator who have no previous AIDS support group facilitation experience will be required to complete Shanti's Volunteer Services Training also. For more information, call Stephanie Ruby-Klink or Barbara Linn at 777-2273.

#### Amnesty International To Hold Benefit Concert

Amnesty International will hold a benefit concert October 18 at 7 p.m. at the Flint Center for the Performing Arts in Cupertino. Performers include The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, a multiracial, interdence The Oakland merianti ossper Choir, a multiracial, interdenceminational group of 55 vocalists; Kitka, an a capella chorus of ten women specializing in music of the Balkan region; and Linda Tillery, who will perform rhythm and blues. Tickets available through the Fiint Center box office or any BASS ticket outlet. For information, call Terry Heinze at (408) 374-0256 or Susan Sharfman at (510) 232-2577.

#### Open Hand Oakland Ballet Benefit

Project Open Hand and Oakland Ballet will hold their first co-benefit October 23 at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. The evening begins with a dinner created by Chef Faz Poursohi and prepared by chefs at Project Open Hand. Following dinner, Oakland Ballet will perform Hansel and Gretel and the evening will end with a dessert reception to meet the dancers. The benefit is sponsored by a number of companies and the event committee's goal is that 100 percent of the event will be underwritten by business/corporate sponsorships. For more information, call Marjorie Randall-Silver at (510) 527-9095 or Vaughn Welty at (510) 596-8203. For tickets, call (510) 597-9095.

#### AIDS Healthcare Foundation Telethon Announced

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation, a Southern California-based organization that operates three hospices in the Los Angeles area, onganization that operates three hospices in the Los Angeles area, has announced it will air its second annual fundraising telethon on October 25. Hosts this year will be Edward James Olmos and Anna Marie Horsford, formerly of the televison show Amen. Last year's telethon raised over one million dollars in pledges.

#### **National News**

## Whoopi Blasts Colorado Hate Campaign

by Rex Wockner Outlines News Service

Movie and TV star Whoopi Goldberg has issued a national mailing targeting the referendum that would amend Colorado's Constitu-tion to mandate discrimina-tion against gays and lesbians.

Coloradans will vote November 3 on the question "Shall there be an amend-ment to Article II of the Col-orado Constitution to prohibit the state of Colorado and any the state of Colorado and any of its political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing any law or policy which pro-vides that homosexual, les-bian or bisexual orientation, conduct, or relationships con-stitutes or entitles a person to claim any minority or protected status, quota preferences, or claim of discrimination."

The amendment would

void anti-discrimination laws in Aspen, Boulder and Den-ver and forbid passage of any

ver and forbid passage of any new ones.
"I've never heard of such a thing!" Goldberg wrote from her Los Angeles office. "Trying to constitutionally deny rights rather than protect rights. Trying to dehumanize people. And in beautiful Colorado."

Goldberg, blamed Amend-ment 2 on "shrewd, Southern California businessmen who know how to make a buck for their cause. They go on televi-



Whoopi Goldberg

sion," she said, "and sound the financial alarm: 'The homosexuals are coming, the homosexuals are coming! Send money to Reverend Lou Sheldon and he'll make them go away.' What is America coming to?" Goldberg asked.

A spokesman for Colorado for Family Values, the group that collected the signatures that collected the signatures to place the question on the ballot, claims gays are protected by the U.S. Constitution and do not need "special rights."

But, in fact, no federal laws protect gays from being

fired or evicted from apartments or public places just because someone does not like their sexual orientation. And the numerous cities and seven states that have enacted so-called gay rights laws do not extend "special" rights to gays

called gay rights laws do not extend "special" rights to gays—they grant them only the same discrimination protections as women, blacks, lews and many other "minorities." Fighting the family values group is Equal Protection Campaign (EPOC), which has been endorsed by Governor Roy Romer, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and tennis star Martina Navratilova, among others. EPOC fought off a right-wing attempt to repeal Denver's gay protections last year. (A fund has been established to help EPOC buy TV time to counter CFV's "no special rights" ads; it is located at P.O. Box 300476, Denver, Colorado 80203. Phone (303) 839-5540.)

Oregonians also will vote

Oregonians also will vote November 3 on whether to ban civil rights for gays, while citizens of Portland, Maine, will decide whether to Maine, will declare whether to kill their new gay-rights law. If any of the three ballot ini-tiatives succeeds—and all three are close calls at press time—the christian right is expected to launch this new tactic everywhere voters are allowed to amend the state constitution or overrule law-makers.

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#### **National News**



Director Gus Van Sant, honored at the Portland Art Museum September 29. (Photo: Mary Topogna)

## 'Mayor of Castro St.' Director Van Sant Honored in Oregon

by David Batterson

Film director Gus Van Sant (My Own Private Idaho, Drugstore Cowboy) received the second annual Freedom of Expression Award from the ACLU Foundation of Oregon at a reception September 29 at the Portland Art Museum. Van Sant was honored as part of the ACLU's ongoing "Uncensored Celebration" that has included displays on book censorship in many Oregon libraries.

Portland ACLU Associate

Portland ACLU Associate Director Janet Arenz said that Van Sant was chosen because "Gus has chosen to deal with subjects that are sometimes difficult to deal with, and he has given up commercial goals in order to produce his work and maintain artistic integrity."

tegrity."
In presenting the award,

City Commissioner Mike Lindberg said that "freedom of speech is a powerful freedom, and the freedom to be a creator. Freedom of speech is empowering, which is why those in power often fear it."

Lindberg added that great artistic creativity is "sometimes accomplished by break-

Lindberg added that great artistic creativity is "sometimes accomplished by breaking rules, challenging the powers that be and violating taboos." This is what Van Sant does in his art, Lindberg said.

Van Sant called the award "quite an honor." The shy and soft-spoken director said that "until this year it didn't occur to me as much about how precious an artist's freedom of expression is, because this year—more than any other year—we've come up against political forces [the OCA] that challenge that freedom of expression."

"In trying to create my works," he said, "I've always just had a good time in doing whatever I wanted to do, and never felt any pressure from the outside."

He closed by saying that "I'll continue making my films and if there are any battles to be fought, we'll fight

films and if there are any battles to be fought, we'll fight them together."

Van Sant has been directing Even Cowgirls Get the Blues in Portland, and is set to direct the Warner Bros. major film about the late Harvey Milk, The Mayor of Castro Street, next year in San Francisco. Van Sant and Lindberg co-hosted a September 26 "Dine Against 9" afterdinner party at a downtown Portland loft that raised additional funds for the No on 9 campaign. Van Sant personally donated \$1,500.

#### Commentary

The Boy Scouts of America, in their unceasing effor of homosexuals, use the defense that we are not fit to see because we do not fulfill the beliefs of this kerchief-cl ever (former Weblos among our ranks), had no difficumembers of the queer community who fit each of the the Scouting code. Here are just a few.



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against discrimination.



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Quentin Crisp, one of the stately homos of England.



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BRAVE South African activist Simon Nkoli, assisting in the country's largest queer pride march.



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#### **Community News**

## Take Us to Our Lieder: SF Gay Men's Chorus Seeks Director

The board of directors of Golden Gate Performing Arts, Inc., is conducting a na-tionwide search for candi-dates for the position of executive director of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (SFGMC). The organization is (SPGMC). The organization is seeking a high-caliber, sea-soned professional arts ad-ministrator who is capable of assuming the business, finan-cial, and executive leadership of the chorus

The SFGMC's performance season is composed of three major concerts per year as well as numerous commu-nity appearances. The chorus also maintains its leadership role as the catalyst for more than 100 similar choruses throughout the United States,

throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, and South Africa.

The individual chosen to fill the position of executive director must have demon-strable success in nonprofit management, a proven track

record in fundraising from government, foundation and corporate sources, and specific experience in financial management, marketing, pub-lic relations, and use of computers in a business environ-

The purpose of the SFGMC is to achieve the highest artistic standards in the presentation of choral programs of diverse genres; maintain, perform, and expand men's choral literature as an art form; serve the gay as an art form; serve the gay community and the Bay Area as musical and goodwill ambassadors; provide spiritual and social support for its members and the community; and enhance gay pride.

Information regarding the

and enhance gay pride.

Information regarding the application process may be obtained by calling John McLeod at (415) 550-7915 or by writing to the Executive Director Search Committee, Golden Gate Performing Arts c/o John McLeod, 747 Kansas



San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

Street, San Francisco, CA 94107. The application deadline is December 1, 1992. A salary to \$35,000 per year, commensurate with experi-

ence and qualifications, three weeks of paid vacation per year, and a basic health care package are offered. ▼

#### AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ADRIA

## Rifabutin receives Treatment IND status for **AIDS-related**

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What is MAC? MAC is a severe opportunistic infection that often afflicts people with AIDS. Approximately 20-25% of people with AIDS will be diagnosed with MAC disease within will be alagnosed with MAC disease within 2 to 3 years after their diagnosis of AIDS. In autopsy studies, MAC organisms have been detected in as many as 50% of persons with AIDS. Individuals with MAC experience chronic, debilitating symptoms, such as fever, weight loss, and fatigue. In people with AIDS, MAC can be fatal. Currently there is no approved treatment for MAC. treatment for MAC

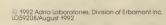
What does Treatment IND status mean? Through a Treatment IND, the FDA and drug developers can provide preapproval access to experimental drugs. Drugs granted Treatment IND status are intended to prevent or treat serious and life-threatening conditions that currently have no satisfactory treatment, as efforts to generate additional data demonstrating their effectiveness and safety continue

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## Gay Native Americans Join **Columbus Day Protests**

An estimated 5,000 people gathered on October 11 to mark 500 Years of Resistance by indigenous people against the legacy of Columbus.

The crowd began forming early that morning at Aquatic Park, where dozens of speakers addressed the history of Native peoples, the ongoing fight against colonialism, the formation and purpose of fight against colonialism, the formation and purpose of AIM (the American Indian Movement), and the legal battles of Leonard Peltier and Norma Jean Croy (two Native political prisoners in the U.S., the latter of whom is a lesbian)

"There's no way to get around what [Columbus has] done to us and what this day means to us," said one speak-er. "His was the first assault of the European invasion of

the indigenous peoples of North, Central, and South America. We've been called savages, heathens, redskins. Whenever we resisted we were called renegades and when captured we were called prisoners of war. The U.S. government declared 54 official wars against Novi

U.S. government declared 54 official wars against Native people. America, you should be ashamed of yourself."

The gathering began a march that afternoon, in which lesbian and gay Native people, or Two Spirit People, who have been instrumental in Native organizing in San Francisco, were honored by being placed directly behind AIM.

"One of the things that felt really good was working closely with AIM and getting that respect," said Julia Youngblood, a Native, African, and Irish lesbian.

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"The reason they asked us to march with them was they

to mach with them was they said they really admired the fact that we're working to set up an Indian Center," Bill Gibson, an active member of Gay American Indians, explained. "They wanted to honor us by placing us right behind the drum. We were flattered by their request."

Gibson said that the Indian Center of All Nations is being developed primarily by Gay American Indians for the benefit of the entire Native Bay Area community. The group is in the process of forming the non-profit organization and raising funds to establish the center. They envision the space as a resource center, with job and housing referrals, activities for youth, a talking circle for spiritual healing, and much more.

"It will be about health and recovery. So much power and strength can come from people having a place to go. The more it gets going, the stronger it's going to be. It has already touched a lot of people," Youngblood said.

The 40-person group was also impressed by the fact that AIM worked to get six wheelchairs for the Two Spirit contingent of the march.

"It was a highlight to have PWA's and the disabled community marching with us," said Randy Burns, one of the founders of Cry Argainer Leavent and Cry Argainer Leavent and Cry Argainer Leavent and Cry Argainer Leavent Cry Argainer Leavent Cry Argainer Leavent and Leavent Cry Argainer Leavent Cry Argainer Leavent and Leavent Cry Argainer Leavent and Leavent Cry Argainer Leavent Leavent Cry Argainer Leavent Lea

founders of Gay American In-

"I'm disabled. It felt really on the state of th

it contingent were exhilarated by the experience of being

Gay Native Americans joined Columbus Day protests

recognized and respected by the entire Native community. They used the spotlight to educate fellow Natives about the original role of Two Spir-

the original role of Two Spirit People in tribal societies and to accelerate the process of return to the Sacred Hoop.

Gay people in Native tribes were traditionally considered to have both male appets a special and female aspects, a special talent that allowed them to talent that allowed them to see both perspectives, and even serve as the go-between in heterosexual relationships. The gift made Two Spirits the spiritual healers in the tribe. They were also highly honored as psychics and prophets.

prophets.
"Gay people were involved in tribal societies. At one time we were shamans, healers, and keepers of crafts, religious, and spiritual things. It wasn't a taboo to have sex with the same sex, it made you gifted. We were like visionaries," Gibson said. "Our voice in the march was to let people know that we had an important role — to re-educate even our own people that the Europeans brought religious persecution which pushed back a lot of the traditional culture. Even today people have distorted feelings

about gays in tribes."

"Two Spirit People are coming together again with the rest of the Native commuthe rest of the Native community and beginning to be embraced again as it was originally. When people came to this land and started killing people something broke in the Sacred Hoop and now it's time to bring it back together. The elders are realizing that in order to be whole again we need to bring Two Spirit People into the role of healing and respect," Youngblood explained.

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## Queer Planet Takes Its Case to U.N. Human Rights Commission

by Dennis Conkin

San Francisco gay activists from Queer Planet are start-ing a comprehensive project ing a comprehensive project to pressure the United Na-tions Human Rights Commis-sion to recognize human rights violations against sexu-al minorities around the

The group's "United Na-tions Project" also plans to file a formal complaint with file a formal complaint with the international body about Measure Nine, the anti-gay legislation proposed in Oregon by right-wing christian fundamentalists with the Oregon Citizen's Alliance.

"We're dealing directly with the U.N. Human Rights Commission," says Kim Gritner, the project's coordinator. Grittner says the measure violates civil rights amend-

violates civil rights amend-ments to the U.N.'s 1948 Charter, as well as human rights "in so many ways, in-cluding the right to assembly, and the right to free employment. It just sets up a climate of fear and hatred."

The HRC, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, relies

on non-governmental organi zations to track human rights abuses and bring them to the

Kim Grittner

attention of the group.
Gritnner says that since the United States is a member of the international organization, Queer Planet will file a complaint against the State of Oregon if the mea-

state of oregon if the measure passes.

"It's state supported terrorism. It's not legal and the state should have struck it down before it ever got on

the ballot. For the state allow the measure on the ballot adds validation. In California, when Lou Sheldon attempted to sponsor something similar, the state easily proved it was

not valid.
The California State Court of Appeal ruled earlier this year that a similar measure in Riverside, California, also placed on the ballot as an ini-tiative by fundamentalists, vi-

ritative by fundamentalists, violated equal protection clauses of the state Constitution.

"We just received the proposed Oregon legislation and we're writing a critical report about it," Grittner told the Bay Area Reporter, adding that he expects the U.N. to take the complaint seriously.

"It's fair to note that up until this year, the U.N. heard no complaints about gay and lesbian human rights violations. Amnesty International only recently voted to begin to investigate these violations," Grittner said.

The group will sponsor a

The group will sponsor a public forum about its work and global communication strategies on October 27 at 7.30 p.m. at New College, located at 50 Fell Street. For more information contact Kim Grittner at 267-6125. ▼



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## Wanted: Fifty Different Men

by Marv. Shaw

When a guy retires, the rest of his life is heavily influenced by two factors particu-larly: the amount his vocational life has shaped his identity and the complex of support systems he has developed. Add homosexuality or bisex uality into that complex, and a gay affirmative attitude, if he has been able to develop one, is an additional determi-nant for his happiness beyond

his work life.

That situation is what Ph.D. candidate David Coon, 34, is exploring in an independent study of gay retired men or those contemplating retirement — at Stanford.

Coon is currently recruiting participants in a confidential interviewing program that will gather the testimony to demonstrate life adjustment

demonstrate life adjustment of men at this juncture.

"Gay and lesbian people have not been adequately represented in such studies," stated Coon, who is confident that his is the first in the field. "Overall, the intention is to look at the self-definition of gay and bisexual retired men over 60 to see what work, so-cial supports, and life satisfactions mean to a variety of in-dividuals at this time."

Emphasizing the strict confidentiality of the study (participants' names are abandoned immediately and each is identified by a number only), Coon described proce-dures thus: "Interviewees are dures thus: "Interviewees are asked a series of questions concerning retirement, social contacts, living situation and sexual orientation. Three questionaires are completed on general life satisfaction, current happiness, and satisfaction with careers. Total participation is one and a helf participation is one and a half to two hours. "We are interested in

"We are interested in speaking with participants no matter how open or closed they are or have been about their gay or bisexual orientation," Coon continued." The entire procedure is voluntary, and individuals have the right to withdraw consent, discontinue participation or refuse. tinue participation or refuse to answer any question at any time. A written consent form time. A written consent form is required for participation. Unfortunately, no compensation can be provided." While many interviews are conducted on the Stanford campus, Coon said that arrangements can be made to hold the interviews elsewhere if necessary.

Asked why he is doing this doing this

Asked why he is doing this study, Coon replied, "Earlier in my career I worked a great deal with youth, especially in career development, but I gradually got more interested in a given to the career development. gradually got infore interested in aging issues, particularly in values formation across the lifespan. I realized that society doesn't do a good job of that. Gradually, I found study of that field more and more rsonally rewarding.

A Southwestern native, Coon got his earlier college education at the University of Oklahoma, where he got two B.A.s in crosscultural education and linguistics, and an M.A. in counseling psychology, the field in which he is now working at Stanford. Further bolstering his devel-



opment in the field, Coon did opment in the field, Coon did graduate work in psycho-lin-guistics and socio-linguistics at the Australian National University in Canberra and at Georgetown University. Georgetown University. Eight years of work as a counseling psychologist pre-ceded his current involve-

ment.
While sexual orientation of the participants is important, Coon was emphatic that the concentration is on such matters as social supports, not their sex lives. "For one thing," he explained, "the privacy issue matters in that area, and besides, the whole life satisfaction area, involving career and factors con-tributing to current happiness,

is more important."

However, whether the participant is mated to someone

of the same or opposite gender will be involved.

"Already, the lineup of participants really runs the gamut," Coon offered enthusiastically. "Men of all interests astically. "Men of all interests and backgrounds are in-volved. I welcome partici-pants from other cultures." Coon defined that further by stating that retired gay or bisexual men of other races are

invited.

Asked if the study would Asked if the study would be the basis for a doctoral dissertation, Coon said, "At Stanford we have an informal classification called a 'minidissertation' that is basically a study report, but could become a full dissertation later. Mine could become that. I would like to expand the study hy involving a comparastudy by involving a compara-ble group of straight retired

men."

Beyond his degree, Coon sees this experience as lending itself to another stage in his own career, which he hopes will be teaching in higher education. "It will be one important piece in a specialty concentrating on career.

cialty concentrating on career development," he explained. Potential participants are invited to call David Coon at (415) 723-2113 for further ar-rangements and possible interview arrangements. Intending to complete the interviewing by the close of this year, Coon also means to finish his study early in 1993 and prepare a report, which he might submit to such periodicals as the Journal of Homosexuality or Psychology and

Coon summarized the purpose of his current work thus: "It should be a statement on how to age successfully in diversity."

## **Open Hand Communications** Director Takes Post at Nike

by Dennis Conkin

Lee Weinstein, director of communications for Project Open Hand, the non-profit meal service for people with AIDS, has been appointed manager of employee communications for Nike, Inc, the international sports apparel manufacturer based in Beaverton. Oreron.

international sports apparel manufacturer based in Beaverton, Oregon.
Weinstein, 33, former press secretary to the Governor of Oregon, leaves the \$45,000-a-year Open Hand post on October 16.

"Quite frankly, I'd never met a person with AIDS pri-or to coming to work at Pro-ject Open Hand. In Oregon, AIDS had not had the impact

AIDS had not had the impact like in the Bay Area, but I knew that I wanted to do something to help." he said.

Although Weinstein had written public policy statements about AIDS "that focused on denial about the disease and its impact on society," he said that when he walked into Project Open Hand in January 1991, "I knew right away that this was the place I had to be."

Married to playwright and

Married to playwright and Equity actress Jessica Litwak, Weinstein

said his two-year stint "as a straight guy in an agency that is mostly managed by gay men" gave him a bird's eye

view of the impact of the epidemic and the community's response, from AIDS service groups to ACT UP's pressuring the FDA, and that it's changed his life.

"People with AIDS can be anybody. Everybody is part of society and when one part is ill, we're all ill. It sounds like I'm pontificating, but I've really learned so much," he

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weinstein said that his ex perience at Project Open Hand and living in the "epi-center of the epidemic" has also made him very angry about the federal govern-ment's response to the epi-

demic.
"It's also instilled in me an incredible sense of anger. I think about all the people I know who have lost all of their friends, about people I know who have died. Every time I read the obituary pages of the Bay Area Barotte Uve of the Bay Area Reporter, I've wanted to send it to Barbara Bush," he said.

"I plan to take what I've learned with me to Oregon. I've learned so much from the gay community and AIDS service organizations like Pro-ject Inform and The AIDS ject Inform a Foundation groups."▼ and



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#### California Pacific Extends Benefits to **Domestic Partners**

California Pacific Medical Center has announced that it will offer health benefits to employees' domestic partners and their children beginning January 1, 1993. Since June of 1991, the health center has offered bereavement leave in case of the death of a domestic partner and time off for care of sick partners. To qualify for health benefits, employees must declare their domestic partnership with the City and County of San Francisco and complete an affidavit concerning their responsibilities are a recipiant of domestic partnershore benefits. sibilities as a recipient of domestic partner benefits.

#### Supervisor Kennedy Chairs HIVAIDS Committee

San Francisco Supervisor Willie B. Kennedy has been named chair of the HIV/AIDS Subcommittee of the National Association of Counties (NACo). NACo's stated goals are to improve county government, act as a liaison with other levels of government, and advance public understanding of the role of counties. The group annually presents its recommendations on a range of issues to Congress and to the president. "What we do now as government leaders will determine our preparedness for the rough periods of the crises ahead," Kennedy said. "I am going to work very hard to see that government on every level faces up to its responsibilities in addressing AIDS and HIV."

Race to Fight Breast Cancer

San Francisco's Race for the Cure of breast cancer takes place October 25 in Golden Gate Park's Sharon Meadow. Organizers report that the second annual race is gaining supporters, volunteers and sponsors at an ever-increasing rate. Organized to raise awareness of breast cancer and the funding need ed to provide free mammograms to the medically underserved of the Bay Area, the race will be followed by an Expo including refreshments, public service booths and entertainment. Top prizes for the first-place male and female runners are round-trip tickets to London. The Race for the Cure hotline is

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## Hepatitis Forum Announced, Support Group Formed

The Bay Area chapter of the American Liver Foundation has formed a support group for lesbians and gays with hepatitis, the number two killer of gay men in the United States, according to chapter President Bill Somer-

Despite a vaccine that prevents the disease, some 350,000 new cases of hepatitis are reported each year, Somerlade said.

"No one is educated on the fact that we have a vaccine," Somerlade said. "There's not a need for these numbers The vaccine has been out for ten years now and instead of numbers going down, they're going up. Our main goal is to educate the people of San

The support group meets the first and fourth Thursday of each month at the Merryl Conference Room of Califor-nia Pacific Medical Center, 2333 Buchanan at Sacramen-to. Discussions focus on a wide variety of issues important to people with hepatitis, Somerlade said.

The support group also will participate in a presentation by hepatitis experts from around the country October 24 at St. Mary's Hospital. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 258-1682. 258-1682

There are three strains of the inflammation of the liver known as hepatitis: A, which is transmitted through spoiled food; B, which is transmitted through blood, saliva and semen; and C, which is transmitted through blood transfusions. Symptoms are similar for all three except that peo-ple with B and C experience ple with A will feel like they have food poisoning.

Bed rest during the most acute phase of hepatitis is the

most common treatment. Patients with acute hepatitis should avoid strenuous phys-ical exertion, alcohol and hepical exertion, alcohol and hep-atotoxic agents. In most cases of hepatitis, clinical recovery is complete in three to 16 weeks. Hepatitis tends to be more severe and potentially has a poorer prognosis in the elderly or in those with other complicating illnesses.

## Bipartisan Report: Clinton's Health Reform Better Than Bush's

Study Finds Democratic Program More Inclusive, Less Costly

by Rob Stein UPI Science Editor

WASHINGTON - Governor Bill Clinton's plan to overhaul the nation's health care system would save more money and provide health insurance to more Americans than President Bush's proposal, a bipartisan report has concluded.

The nation would spend 2.2 trillion more on health care over the next 12 years under Bush's proposal compared to Clinton's, and 27 million Americans would still have no health insurance, according to the report from Families USA, a non-profit health care reform advocacy

The report was prepared for the group by a bipartisan panel of current and former officials from Republican and Democratic administrations and based on an analysis conducted by Lewin-ICF, a Washington health care economics consultant.

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At least 30 million Americans lack health insurance and the cost of health care has been rising rapidly in the United States, making health care reform a major issue in the presidential campaign.

Bush's proposal calls for providing tax credits to families to buy health insurance, requires insurers to provide

requires insurers to provide coverage to all employers re-questing it and prevents in-

surance companies from denying individuals coverage. Clinton's plan would re-quire businesses to either proquire businesses to either provide health insurance for employees or pay into a publicly sponsored, privately operated insurance program. Clinton's plan also calls for establishing a National Health Board that would control costs by setting an annual budget for health

Bush's plan would save \$31 billion in spending on health care by the year 2000 while the Clinton plan would save \$211 billion, the report said. By the year 2005, the Bush plan would save \$46 bil-lion compared to a savings of \$481 billion under Clinton's plan, the report said. That translates into the na-

That translates into the nation spending \$10,398 per family for health care under Bush's plan in the year 2000 compared to \$9,219 under Clinton's plan, a savings of \$1,179 per family, the report said. By 2005, the savings would increase to \$2,267 per family under Clinton's reforms, the report said.

"All in all, the bipartisan panel found a striking difference in costs between the two presidental candidates' health plans," Ron Pollack, the group's executive director,

group's executive director, said.
While Clinton's plan would

provide health insurance to all Americans by the year 2005, Bush's plan would leave

27 million Americans without insurance, the report said. In addition, Bush's plan would leave 11.8 million more Americans "underinsured" than Clinton's plan by the end of the decode the report said.

of the decade, the report said.
"Governor Clinton's plan
provides health insurance for all Americans, despite its low-er price tag," said Pollack, who stressed that the report was not intended as an endorsement of either candi-

date.
The report noted, however, that both candidates' plans lack sufficient details on key issues, including long-term

The panel did not analyze Ross Perot's health care re-form proposal because it lacks sufficient detail, Pollack

The panel included Stuart Altman, who served in the Nixon and Ford administrations and is currently chair-man of the Medicare Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Charles Ed-wards, who also served in the Nixon and Ford administra-tions; Karen Davis, who served in the Carter administration; Arthur Flemming, who served under Nixon, Ford, Carter and Eisenhower; and Philip Lee, who served under Johnson and is chair-man of the Physician Pay-ment Review Commission.



#### **Textbooks**

State Board of Education student representative Irene Cheng (left) spoke in favor of including lesbian and gay issues in the textbook framework at an Oc-tober 8 meeting. Cheng surveyed students and found them overwhelm-ingly supportive of inclusive textbooks. The board has not yet voted on the framework.

## Alternative Treatment Rally on October 22

A rally will be held in Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero on Thursday October 22, at noon, to focus on recent raids by the Food and Drug Administration that rally organizers describe as "civil rights violations against alternative health care practi-

The rally, one of 12 planned nationwide in the planned nationwide in the coming weeks, is organized by the National Health Care Alliance of San Francisco to protest efforts by the FDA to shut down alternative treatment centers and buyers clubs. In the course of recent FDA raids, organizers charge, agents have broken down doors confiscated priyate pages. doors, confiscated private pa-tient files, and even strip-searched nurses.

Speakers at the rally will include David Merriweather
— assistant at a Tahoma, Washington clinic that was raided in May by gun-wielding police and FDA officials who took files and equipment that have not been returned. that have not been returned
— and Helen Grieco, of the
National Organization for Women.

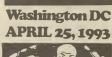
Merriweather will also speak later that evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Building, located at 3543 18th Street in San Francisco.

Merriweather, a 12-year survivor with HIV, has used and researched alternative medicine since his diagnosis. He will discuss such controversial issues as intravenous ozone therapy and ozone gas. ozone therapy and ozone gas therapy, which he claims has proven successful in raising T-cell levels among some HIV-positive individuals in

the past.
Merriweather also plans to identify herbs and other natural substances he says are anti-viral and immune-boost-

anti-viral and immune-boosting, including a Venus fly trap from Minnesota and "glyceriason" from Japan.

Natural Health Care Alliance spokesperson Michael Onstott describes it as "a grass-roots organization [that] is working for improved access to alternative health care, reform of the FDA, and replacement of current FDA Commissioner David Kessler". For more information, Onstott may be reached at (415) 775-7760.





DON'T MISS THIS ONE

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases **Rising Among Teenagers**

By Indiana University News Service Distributed by UPI

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. When school started last month, many of America's teens returned to classes with an unwanted and often unno-ticed accessory: a sexually transmitted disease.

transmitted disease.

STDs, as they are called, were once known as VD, or venereal disease, and now encompass some 25 separate bacterial and viral illnesses. Every year in this country, about 2.5 million teenagers that's one in every six conthat's one in every six - contract an STD.

tract an STD.

In 1989, despite widespread notions that the disease is no longer a threat, syphilis reached its highest level of incidence since post-World War II, and though teenagers suffered less from the increase than older age groups, the rate of cases among black teenagers, especially females, has been increasing.

cially females, has been increasing.
What concerns sexuality educator William Yarber, professor of applied health science at Indiana University, is that school and public agencies, while focusing on educational strategies concerned

with AIDS/HIV infection, have tended to put other STDs on the back burner. "Certainly we can under-

stand that, given the seriousness of the AIDS/HIV prob-lem," said Yarber. "But as a result, other sexually transmitted diseases have not been discussed in health education and sexuality education pro-

grams.
"That's unfortunate, be-"That's unfortunate, because a young person has a much greater chance of acquiring an STD other than HIV," he said.

Statistics show that young people are much more likely to acquire chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea or syphilis.

Young women in particular may suffer catastrophic effects from lower genital tract

lar may surfer catastrophic effects from lower genital tract infections that do not present until later in life. If not treated, cervical gonorrhea and chlamydia lead to pelvic inflammatory disease that can result in chronic pelvic pain, infertility and ectopic pregnancy.

nancy.
Under the auspices of the Association for the Advance-ment of Health Education, Yarber has completed a new curriculum that combines the

information about both topics:
"STDs and HIV: A Guide for
Today's Young Adults."
"The behavioral aspects of
sexually transmitted diseases

sexually transmitted diseases are emphasized, in contrast to technical and biomedical information," he said. "We believe it's more important for young people to know how to avoid the STD, how to recognize symptoms, where to seek counseling and medical care, and how to get partners to and how to get partners to medical care."

medical care."
The material also deals with "health-promoting attitudes and skill development," Yarber said. "That's important, because a person may know how to avoid STD, but might not have the skills to communicate well with a dating partner or the skills to find counseling or health care."

The curriculum is targeted for junior high and high school students and is written discreetly for use in a wide discreetly for use in a wide range of community settings, he said. Yarber hopes that outside the classroom, the student manuals will help spur discussion of sexuality issues among teenagers and their parents.

## Dannemeyer

(Continued from page 4)

employed anti-gay ghoul Paul Cameron as his official advi-sor on homosexuality? Or was it the time he spoke on the record for an hour, detailing how homosexuals supposedly routinely insert vegetables and light bulbs into sundry body parts for fun and profit? So many choices, so little

space.

And that doesn't even mention his regular dissertations on "Moral Relativism," the "Heterosexual Ethic," the gold standard (Don't

"Now that he's gone, we hope he stays far, far away," adds HRCF's King, "But Dannemeyer could go back to California and develop a base there again. He could run for there again. He could run for another office. So we have to work to ensure that he has no political future and that he spends the rest of his years as a very sad, disillusioned, and

a very sad, distillusioned, and unhappy retiree."

But you wouldn't think that he'd get away without a final salvo, now would you?

Dannemeyer's last laugh came, appropriately enough, on the last day of the session. With a laundry list of retiring members lining up to offer members lining up to offer their final farewells to friends and colleagues, Dannemeyer sought to make his mark.

Around noon on the final day, members were busy passing a series of minor bills

and had been hoping to set aside some time for some goodbyes. But Dannemeyer, eager to end it all quickly, pressed ahead with a motion to adjourn the House.

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to adjourn the House.

After he was defeated on his motion, Rep. Peter Kostmayer (D-Penn.) attempted to move ahead with a bill of his, but Dannemeyer would not give up and again made a motion to adjourn.

According to Roll Call, a Capitol Hill newspaper, Dannemeyer refused Kostmayer's pleas that he retreat from his motion.

"I hate this process," Dan-nemeyer reportedly told Kost-mayer. "The place is miser-able. I only have an hour and a half left and I'm going to cause as much damage as I

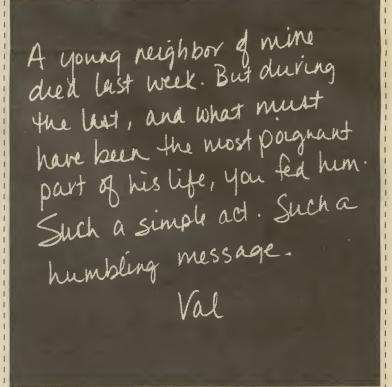
Realizing that the California Republican would block any further attempts to continue harmonic beautiful and the california and the call that tinue business by repeatedly interrupting with motions to adjourn, the House finally relented and closed its session without sentimental good-

Roll Call further reported Roll Call further reported that Dannemeyer's move enraged Representative David Obey (D-Wisc.), who had wanted to give a speech honoring colleague Jim Moody (D-Wisc.).

"Above all others I have served with," Obey told Dannemeyer, "you have absolutely no redeeming social value."

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Ain't it amazing how, once the necessary decorum has been dispensed with, people get real honest? ▼



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## **Bush Gets Pinned** by Rich HIVer

by Michael C. Botkin

I was mildly gratified to note that AIDS was men-tioned in the initial Presidential debate, albeit briefly. Ironically, it was brought up by George Bush, who may have been so mellowed-out on Halcyion that he forgot just how bad his record is on

on Halcyion that he forgot just how bad his record is on this topic.

All of the Pallavering Pinheads of Punditry agreed that Bush was looking to land a "knock-out" blow on Clinton that could "turn his campaign around" or, at least, chip a few points out of the hunky Arkansas Governor's double-digit lead in the polls. George's attempts to cast aspersions on Clinton's patriotism by suggesting that he went to Moscow in 1969 for KGB indoctrination made little headway, so the President decided to try a little AIDS-bashing instead. He criticized Magic Johnson for resigning from the AIDS commission after attending only one meet-

ing, hinting that this manifest lack of commitment made Johnson unfit to cast judge-ment on him.

ment on him.

Clinton's rebuttal — that this was just about the longest statement Bush had ever made about AIDS — scored him a point. But Magic can take care of himself, and responded in pagent the part the part.

take care of himself, and responded in person the next day.

For starts, he pointed out that he'd been to two (out of a possible four) meetings, although he did walk out (presumably in a mixture of boredom and anger) out of the second. He offered for contrast the fact that none of the three Presidential appointees (as opposed to the majority of Contrast posed to the majority of Congressional appointees) had bothered to go to any of the meetings. And Louis Sullivan, the head honcho of the department of Health and Human Services and de-facto Commission Chair, had made it to a grand total of one meeting. Thus Magic, with his attendance at one-and-a-



half meetings, had spent more time at these events than all other Presidential appointees,

other Presidential appointees, combined.
(Magic is doing well despite numerous controversies. His book, "What you can do to avoid AIDS", is selling well even though — or maybe because? — it's been banned by

K-mart. His recently announced return to profession-al basketball has revived his an dasketual has revived his sagging value as an endorser and forced the NBA the re-ac-tivate his "number," which they'd prematurely "retired" in the futile hope of speeding him into oblivion. Overall, Bush's ill-considered Magic bashing is likely to but the

Bush's ill-considered Magic bashing is likely to hurt the President more than Magic.) Of course, it's pretty ludicrous for Bush to try to accuse anyone on the globe of caring less about AIDS than he does. But it's probably not an accident that the one person he does try bash in this way is Black. Is he going for a kind of Anita Hill effect, based on the assumption that anything an uppity negro says can be discounted on principal?

Nor is it a surprise that Bush replaced Magic on the Commission with Mary Fisher, the millionairess heiress
HIVer whose daddy — the
GOP's biggest Midwestern
campaign contributor —
bought her air time at the Republican national convention.

publican national convention.
Mary has so far refused to
participate in any non-partisan AIDS appearances, saying
only that "White House officials had told her not to appear" at an AIDS Action
Council event. She did, however, recently pin Bush's first
"red ribbon" on his lapel.
This constituted after eleven. "red ribbon" on his lapel. This constituted, after eleven years and eleven months in the administration, his first public recognition of the dis-ease's impact.

#### Limp handshakes

Now, I have to admit that took me a while to warm up on the whole "red ribbon" concept. I have an instinctive aversion to such superficial symbols of commitment, that any hypocrite could wear to belie their innate inhumanity. The fact that costly gold-and-ruby "ribbons" by big-name

designers were being hawked didn't help any.

The whole schtick reminded me of "tag days", a particularly offensive smarmy fundraising technique common in Chicago in my youth. Some Undeniably Worthy Cause would assume a franchise on a certain day of the year and, on the duly designated date, saturate the city with its tag-sellers. For two bits you could get a tag and not have to put with subsequent solici-tations on every corner you

passed - a kind of low-grade

passed — a kind of low-grade protection racket.

The red ribbons weren't that bad but I, certainly, felt no need to wear one. In a way I am a walking red ribbon, because you can tell just by looking at my bony features that I'm deeply concerned about AIDS on a daily basis. My prickliness on the topic eventually wore off as I observed that, in fact, most be-ribboned types generated benevolent vibes. Not everyone, I reasoned, can go around wearing ACT-UP stickers (for one thing they stick better to leather than they do to blazers and sweaters) and this gave less militant activists a way to dismilitant activists a way to dis-play their concern.

#### Commentary

Also, I noted that their Also, I note that then symbolism was peculiarly potent. For example, Barbara Bush — as always representing the "kinder, gentler" side of George — wore a red ribbon at the GOP convention. She also made a point of re-moving it before she joined her husband at the podium at the end of his acceptance speech. (And remember when she daringly lit a candle dur-ing the last national AIDS vigil? Alas, if she was going to light a fire she should have done it under her bulby's ass done it under her hubby's ass not in the White House win-

Now Mary Fisher has pinned a red ribbon on George. Let's see if he continues to wear it on subsequent campaign appearances, or more likely — if his concern about AIDS turns out to be as brief as it is late.

brief as it is late.

Some-time candidate and gadfly H. Ross Perot, by the way, had nothing memorable to say about AIDS. However, if he'd dared to be honest he might've said something like this: "We hardly never had to deal with AIDS over at EDS [Perot's old computer consulting corporation] 'cause we Perot's old computer consulting corporation] 'cause we simply didn't hire fellas with limp handshakes.' On the rare occasions when an HIVer slipped past this sophisticated defense, they were simply fired when their diagnosis became unconcealable.

Red ribbons, alas, are just a prelliminary step in fighting

a preliminary step in fighting AIDS. So, of course, is voting out passive-genocidal creeps like George Bush. ▼

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#### **GLAAD Media Watch**

Compiled by Hollie Conley

he christian Action Network, a hate organization devoted to promoting prejudice against lesbians and gays, is running a paid television advertisement in cities nationwide. The ad uses falsehoods and homophobia in an attempt to portray lesbians and gays as a national menace, and to urge opposition to Bill Clinton's presidential candidacy. The ad shows carefully edited shots of a New York gay march, while the announcer says: "Bill Clinton's vision for a better America includes job quotas for homosexuals, giving homosexuals special civil rights, allowing homosexuals in the Armed Forces. Al Gore supports homosexual couples adopting children and becoming foster parents. Is this your vision for a better America? For more information on traditional family values, contact the christian Action Network, P.O. Box 606, Forrest Va. 24551."

The Bush/Quayle campaign needs to know that this sort of

The Bush/Quayle campaign needs to know that this sort of dishonesty and exploitation of prejudice is unacceptable as a political tactic. Until we hear otherwise, we can only assume that President Bush approves of the ad. Please demand that the Bush campaign publicly denounce such bigoted and dishonest factics.

Write to James A. Baker, Bush/Quayle Headquarters, 1030 15th Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20005.

#### Jenny Jones

Lesbians and gays who don't fit stereotypes was the topic of Jenny Jones' October 5 show. Appearing on the program were four "lipstick lesbians" and two "masculine" gay men, who apparently don't fit America's bizarre stereotypes about us

Though Jones misspoke a couple of times, she overall showed a vast improvement over recent programs. No raving homophobes appeared on the panel to abuse the other guests, and Jones openly sided against homophobes in the audience, using persuasion and humor to try and change peoples' minds.

when one audience member declared that "women were created or evolved to be with men," Jones asked him "If I were a lesbian, would you still come on the show?"

The man responded "Sure

The man responded "Sure, but I'd tell you you're abnormal."

"You know I could be," Jones replied.

Jones replied.

Later in the show Jones found a heterosexual woman volunteer in the audience and

kissed her on the lips in an attempt to confront people's prejudices. The women on the panel declared Jones an "honorary lesbian." You might send Jones a note and thank her for stand-

orary lesbian."
You might send Jones a note and thank her for standing up for us. You also might suggest that if she really wants to do a show that challenges stereotypes of lesbians and gays, she might invite some records of color.

stereotypes of lesbians and gays, she might invite some people of color. Contact Jenny Jones, P.O. Box 3333, Merchandise Mail Plaza, Chicago IL 60654, telephone (312) 836-9400.

#### Faith Daniels

NBC's Faith Daniels, on her September 30th show, addressed the question of gay male parents. Appearing on the program were two gay male couples who are rearing children. The men spoke eloquently about their need and decision to be parents. Daniels asked predictable but sensitive questions, such as "What do the kids call you?" and "Did you face obstacles in the adoption process?"

on the second part of the program Daniels introduced Mark Hounsell, a former state senator from New Hampshire who had pushed through a bill banning adoption by lesbians and gays. Hounsell explained that he did not believe the stereotypes about lesbians and gays, but thought that growing up in such a home would-be a disadvantage because of society's prejudice. He asked audience members whether they would want their children placed in "an environment with homosexuals." An audience member said that she would want her children placed in a loving home, and the sexual orientation of the program was the progra

parents wouldn't matter.
Hounsell's presence was balanced by Annette Baran, a psychologist who assured the audience that being placed in a lesbian or gay home was not

a disadvantage.
You may send comments to
Mike Clancy, Executive Producer, Faith Daniels, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York NY
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California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Vicki and Sen. Ted Kennedy, and Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg and Judge Mary Morgan and their son Benjie at an October 12 Democratic fundraiser at Zuni.

#### **HIV News**

## Update, ICAAC Provide Forums

by Michael Botkin

Last week several hundred AIDS educators, health care providers, and HIVers converged on San Francisco's Civic Auditorium to attend the fifth annual National AIDS Update Conference. Although it is not a forum for "cutting edge" research data, the Update has evolved into a sophisticated training milieu and information exchange for those on the front lines of the war against AIDS. This week ICAAC (the Intra-science Conference on Anti-microbal Agents and Chemotherapy, pronounced "Ick Ack"), a sophisticated gathering of academic researchers considered second in importance only to the massive, annual International Conferences on AIDS, is being held downstate in Anaheim.

Anaheim.

At this point the Update, despite its official full title, isn't particularly "annual" nor very "National". The past two conferences have occurred at 18 month, intervals. And although there are a number of participants from the East the vast majority of presenters and HIVers in attendance were from the West Coast in general and San Francisco in particular

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The Update originated in several separate annual conferences that were finally amalgamated into one grand event. At first, during the dark early days of the AIDS epidemic, they served primarily as basic "how to" courses for health care professionals confronted — mostly for the first time — with HIV. Now they cater to a more experienced constituency who come to schmooze with other AIDS care providers (and consumers), listen to experts and, occasionally, earn Continuing Education credits in Nursing or Social Work.

There were few media



Dr. Paul Volberding

stars or big names at this year's Update. Dr. Paul Volberding headlined at Wednesday's plenary session; ex-Presidential candidate and cancer survivor Paul Tsongas spoke at Thursday's (Democratic nominee Bill Clinton had been invited but did not show); and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi addressed the conference on Friday.

These morning general sessions were, however, sparsely attended and most

These morning general sessions were, however, sparsely attended, and most participants were more interested in the daily workshops where nuts-and-bolts questions about treatment, education and policy were addressed. These workshops were lively and, for the most part, interactive, with much back-and-forth between pre-

were lively and, for the most part, interactive, with much back-and-forth between presenters and the audience.

ICAAC will likely be less chummy and far more serious. It is not, officially, an AIDS conference at all but has de facto evolved into one, as about half of the presentations concern HIV treatments. Where the Update focuses on the interests of care providers and consumers, ICAAC is clearly for researchers. HIVers shopping for new treatments for immediate use seemed satisfied with the Up-

date; but treatment activists curious about drugs that may become available next year are more interested in ICA AC

ICAAC.

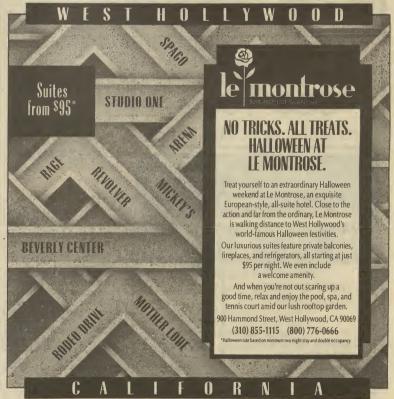
Many are hoping that ICAAC will serve as a "follow-up" to the International Conference on AIDS held in Amsterdam this July, confirming or denying initial research results presented there. The ICAAC abstracts list numerous reports on such hot topics as the second generation of AZT-like Nucleoside Analogues 3TC and D4T, and on promising post-Nucleoside Analogue treatments like TAT and protease inhibitors. There will also be symposia on treatment-resistant strains of HIV, the new tuberculosis epidemic among HIVers, and on AIDS among women and children.

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While little of the information discussed at ICAAC will, strictly speaking, be "new"—most reports only officially comment on the fact that various potential treatments are safe and/or well-absorbed, without giving any hard data on how effective they are—these meetings are usually rich in anecdotal data and suggestive rumors. Is 3TC as disappointing as many have heard? Is D4T in fact better than AZT, as many suggest? How long will it be before TAT and protease inhibitors will be ready for human trials? All of this will be discussed, in extreme detail, in the chambers and corridors of the ICAAC.

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Taken together, the atmospheres of both the Update and ICAAC conferences suggest that, although we're into the "second decade" of the AIDS crisis, there is beginning to be some sense of light at the end of the tunnel. As a change in Presidential administrations looms, those fighting AIDS seem to feel that the war against HIV is at last well underway, if far from won.



#### **Obituaries**

Michael Daryle O'Connor April 13, 1950-Oct. 1, 1992



ent D. O'Connor

cent D O'Connor, brothers Gary, Timothy and Daniel; sisters Cathy Taylor and Mary Sue Ross, and grandmother Mrs. Georgia James, all of Oklahoma Gity.

Michael suffered greatly the last year, but he never lost his wonderful disposition or his beautiful, cheery smile.

Special thanks go to Dr. Inmaculada Marti and the wonderful caring staff at Davies Medical Center.

Michael's ashes will be scattered in England in a special place that he chose. Contributions to the AIDS charity of your choice would be greatly appour choice would be greatly appounded.

your choice would be greatly preciated. ▼

#### **Denholm Elliott**

Denholm Elliott, the veteran British

Denholm Elliott, the veteran British supporting actor, died last week of complications from AIDS, his agent said. He was 70.

Best known in the United States perhaps for playing Eddie Murphy's butler in the smash comedy Trading Places, Elliott received a 1985 Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor for the period film A Room With a View, adapted from the E.M. Forster novel

novel.
His most recent film was Noises Off, based on the hit British stage comedy.
Other recent films include The Missionary (1983); A Private Function (1984); the H.G. Wells inspired Underworld (1985); Woody Allen's September (1987); and the blockbuster Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1988).
His first paraigus to actuses Viscoiise.

His first marriage to actress Virginia McKenna ended in divorce in 1957.

He is survived by his second wife, American actress Susan Robinson; a son Mark; and a daughter Jennifer. ▼

#### Glenn Alward May 31, 1944-Oct. 8, 1992



werse City, Mich., Glenn received earch award as a medical tech-

nologist.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1968 and served as a lieutenant on the U.S.S. Sanctuary during the Vietnam War.

Glenn's interest in computers prompted him to attend night school to become a computer systems programmer. He switched to the computer field in 1982 and was last employed at Esprit De Corps in San Francisco as a systems

programming supervisor.
Glenn passed away at Davies Medical
Center on October 8, where he was attended by his mother and dearest

friends
Glenn will be lovingly remembered by his friends for his gentle nature, his sardonic wit, his compassion, his nelliness, and for being "the smartest man I know." He is survived by his mother, Viola Alward, and his brother and sister-in-law Fritz and Sandra Alward, all residing in Michigan.
Memorials may be made in Glenn's name to the charity of your choice. W

name to the charity of your choice.

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#### Oscar Robert Ortiz Aug. 20, 1950-Sept. 12, 1992



passing was a shock to us all. Because of his

energy, intellect, and peaceful and ac-cepting nature, his departure leaves a hole in the organizations he supported, and in the lives of those who cherished

im.
A memorial service was held in San rancisco on Monday, Sept. 14, and in foodland, Calif, on Tuesday, Sept. 15. e was buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery Woodland.

Oscar attended Sacramento State University and graduated with a BA in social work/counseling. He worked for

University and graduated with a BA in social work/counseling. He worked for the past 8½ years as a personnel analyst and senior personnel analyst with the city and county of San Francisco, and had previously worked as an employment specialist in the mayor's office and as a teacher. Oscar was also a proud founder and board member of CURAS, the Latino AIDS organization.

Oscar's parting wish for us was a day or moment to love each other and celebrate the wonderful life he lived. He wished no tears of unhappiness or anguish or depression be shed, but for us to remember that he loved us and is now in a very peaceful, warm light, still here in our hearts. We celebrate his life and the peace he is now in, with the God he knows, and we will forever miss and remember him. ▼

#### Christopher Michael Morrissey

Aug. 16, 1956-Oct. 8, 1992



was surrounded by love, light and laughter in the comfort of his

Born in Peru, Christopher spent most of his early years living abroad. He was particularly proud of his South Ameri-

In New York, Christopher held an ex ecutive administrative position with Chase Manhattan Bank. In 1990, he

ecutive administrative position with Chase Manhattan Bank. In 1990, he began his employment as a practice support assistant with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco. His true labor, however, was his art in which he expressed his love for lively color, homesty, individuality and imagnation. Christopher was an exciting and charismatic person who challenged life with intensity and passion. He attracted many people because of his brilliance, honesty, expansive knowledge, colorful self-expression and, of course, his delightful charm and sharp wit. He was a leader, organizer, lover of books and good food, and a champion of words and the New York Times crossword puzzle. All who met Christopher instantly fell in love with him.

Christopher confronted his one-year battle with AIDS with extreme courage and independence. He never stopped caring about others and was relentless in minimizing the burden of his illness on family and friends.

A celebration of Christopher's life will be held on October 17. Please call Anthony at 826-2733 for further details. In lieu of flowers, Christopher asks that donations be made to the San Francisco AIDS Emergency, 1550 California St., Rm. 47. SF. CA 94109 and Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF, CA 9410.

Forever in my heart — Anthony. ▼

#### Bruce Barnes Nov. 6, 1951-Oct. 4, 1992

(Stanley) Bruce Barnes died of AIDS (Stanley) Bruce Barnes died of AIDS as the streets were being blocked for the Castro Street Fair, San Francisco. Lee Middleton, his longtime friend, was at his bedside in Davies Medical Center when his death occurred. Bruce now has joined his lover Bill Spalding and longtime friends Doug Lowery and Cody Williams, and left just in time to check out the Castro Street Fair, Heaven. There's a Castro Street, Heaven. There's a Castro Street, Bruce was born in Harrisville, Penn., graduated from Pennsylvania State University and moved to San Francisco in the mid '70s. He was employed with the Bechtel Corporation for more than a decade and swam for several years

a decade and swam for several years with the Tsunami swimming team. Bruce is survived by his parents, Janet and Bob Barnes; his brothers Bobby, Dick and Van; and close friends Lee and Stan. A memorial will be held in Har

Stan. A memorial will be held in Har-risville, Penn., on October 25, where his remains will be buried in Prairie Cemetery. Bruce's friends and family thank the superb staff at Davies Medical Center's Skilled Nursing Facility on 1-South for their professional dedication, good deeds, kindness and gentle caring. Con-tinue to keep up the 2004 work: you tinue to keep up the good work; you were all great! ▼

#### Robert J. Badeau July 7, 1952-Sept. 29, 1992



isco Bay Area Bob was

Bob was co-owner of All That Jazz on 18th and Castro streets and ac-tive in many AIDS organizations and other charitable groups. He moved to Tucson in early 1989 after the fire that destroyed the corner of 18th and Castro in December of 1988. While in Arizona, Bob was active in various retail and con-struction enterprises and continued his struction enterprises and continued his work for people with AIDS until short-ly before his death.

Bob was a former member of Order of Demolay, an Eagle Scout and long-time member of the Congregational Church. He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Badeau, Sr., of Pembroke; five brothers and one sister; and his partner of 15 years, Jim Parmelee of Tucson. Memorial contributions may be made to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave., SF, CA 94102; The Names Project, 2362 Market St., SF, CA 94114; or a charity of choice.

Dearest Bobby — On the Wings of Angels! ▼

#### John F. Schlesinger

Services were private for John F.



his family when he was 17. He attended Cincinnati Uni-

versity for 1½ years and in 1959 en

Cincinnati University for 1½ years, and in 1950 entered St. Joseph's Friary in Oldenberg, Ind., where he studied for three years. In 1962, Mr. Schlesinger joined the U.S. Navy. He served four years in the Naval Security Group, First Class, spending 15 months in the Philippines. He returned to Denver and côntinued to serve in the active Navy and one year in the Naval Reserve.

Mr. Schlesinger received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Colorado in 1968.

He began his career as a cost accountant at Samsonite Corp. in Denver. He later worked at Kimberly-Clark in Wisconsin, then Data Technlogy in Newport and Environtech in Menlo Park. He then worked for both Highland Industries and Advanced Filtration, Inc., both in Concord. Mr. Schlesinger was executive vice president of Paloc Telecom in Alabama and Tennessee.

In 1989 he was named chief executive.

In 1989 he was named chief executive officer of Chi Pants in Santa Cruz.
Contributions to the Hospice Caring Project of Santa Cruz County, 6851 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003 are pre ferred. ▼

## Margaret W. Clark

July 16, 1923-Sept. 27, 1992

Peg passed peacefully at home in Daly City the afternoon of Sept. 27.
Peg was born in San Francis-

co, Calif., and raised in Angels Camp, Calif. She moved to San Francisco in the 1940s and was very active in the community for over 25 years.

She is survived by her long-time friend Bob Racobs, loving friend and partner Lita Byrd and brother Ben. Peg will be missed by all who



### **Obituary Policy**

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary policy.

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar, and taste.

Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.

#### **Obituaries**

Michael Francis Capizzi Aug. 31, 1941-Aug. 29, 1992



family are making donations to Zen Hospice Project, 273 Page St., SF, CA 94102. ▼

## James L. Proby May 25, 1949-Oct. 7, 1992

James died at home in Pojoaque, N.M., of AIDS. He is survived by his mother, Norma Overhue; sister Helen Carroll of Shepparton, Victoria, Australia; and his brother Andrew Proby of Pojoaque, N.M. Iim was horn in Malbaure.

lia; and his brother Andrew Proby of Pojoaque, N.M.
Jim was born in Melbourne, Australia. In 1971 he moved to Copenhagen, Denmark, where he owned and managed retail fabric stores, including the largest fabric store in Northern Europe.
In 1980 Jim moved to San Francisco and opened a clothing store, Danish Delights, on 24th Street. He later changed the name of the store to Jim Proby when he designed and manufactured his own line of men's clothing which was sold nationwide. Most recently, he worked exclusively for Rochester Big and Tall as the in-house designer of their contemporary lines.
Jim was judged Best Men's Ware Designer in Northern California in 198a and was nominated for the Golden Shears Award. He was active in the San Francisco Design Network and served as President in 1985 and 1986.
In 1990 Jim moved to Pojoaque with his partner of eight years, Jerry E. Berg. He remained there after Jerry's death in 1991. ▼

## **Double Minority:** On Being Disabled and Gay

by Rachel Timoner

Patrick Connally, a wheelchair user, is a member of a highly invisible minority within a minority — he's disabled and he's gay.

abled and he's gay.
When it became evident that Governor Wilson was going to slash funding for In-Home Support Services for people with disabilities in California, Connally was among the 20 activists who endured a seven-hour sit-in in Governor Wilson's San Francisco office to protest the cuts. cisco office to protest the cuts on August 20. Twice as many activists returned again one month later, when the cuts had been finalized, to cry out against a policy that they say is a matter of life and death. There are many thousands

of disabled queers in San Francisco, many of whom provide the skills and efforts that build and maintain our community organizations. But, far too often, their triumphs, struggles, and very existence go unnoticed by their able-bodied counter-

"The Bay Area is a mecca for people who are disabled and for people who are gay or lesbian. This is the first place where they installed curb cuts, which enabled



Disabled activists protest budget cuts. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

wheelchair users to get out of nursing homes. We have a strong activist community here," Connally explained. "There's a lot of gay people who are disabled and just because the bars in the Castro aren't accessible doesn't mean we're not out there.'

we're not out there."

Although no one can say for certain what percentage of the disabled community is lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, all seem to agree that queers are amply represented among the ranks of disabled activists.

According to Patricia Leets from the Independent Living Resource Center, a non-profit group that helps disabled people live on their own, an estimated 7,000 people in San Francisco qualify

own, an estimated 1,000 peo-ple in San Francisco qualify for state-funded In-Home Sup-port Services, which allow severely disabled people to live independently. Leets guessed that at least 25 per-cent of those recipients are leshian or gay.

cent of those recognitions of the second second when Wilson cut IHSS by 12 percent he left most disabled people unable to pay for their personal care atten-dants, the helpers who make

it possible for people with dis-abilities to hold jobs and be active in their communities, without whom many would be forced into nursing homes or out onto the streets.

#### 'I would be safer homeless"

Those who may be forced to enter nursing homes, many of whom are lesbian, gay, or bisexual, say they fear neglect and abuse

'I feel like I would be safer receitable would be safer becoming homeless and roaming than being drugged senseless or raped in a convalescent home," said Maggie Dowling, a wheelchair user, of the prospects of being institutionalized. "I have a job now. I'd rather be a taxpayer than a taxpayer liability. Wilson might as well load a gun, pull the trigger, and blow us

"This is a question of who's going to control our lives, us or the medical industry. This is a power play by government to make people with dishibition composition." with disabilities a commodity of the nursing home industry.
We deserve our jobs, and we deserve respect. It costs \$30,000 a month to lock some-

one up in a nursing home and \$8,000 a month to support one up in a nursing nome and \$8,000 a month to support someone living independently. This is not saving any money in the long run, but it's based on prejudicial attitudes toward the disabled community," Connally said.

"The government is making it a crime for people with disabilities to be disabled. They're locking us up," said lesbian activist and wheelchair user Sue Hodges.

Kathy Martinez, a blind lesbian activist, said she thinks that the IHSS cuts have a particularly bad impact on gays and lesbians.

"This cut will require that people with disabilities depend on their families. Most lesbian and gay people do not live with their families.

pend on their families. Most lesbian and gay people do not live with their families, for whatever reason. They may be estranged from them. They may not feel safe. But the cuts put pressure on lesbian and gay people to rely on their families — a situation that [often] leads to abuse.

"The disabled population is one of the most abused communities anyway. People often don't confront their abusers because their abusers are often their caretakers and they're afraid the care will be taken away," Martinez said.

"The lesbian and gay community has been in the vanguard of accessibility for disabled people."

-Amy Gupp

#### The effect on activism

Amy Gupp, an able-bodied lesbian whose lover uses (Continued on page 27)

## Manufacturer To Give d4T to Critical **Need Patients**

Bristol-Myers Squibb Com-pany, maker of d4T (stavu-dine), has announced it will make the promising experimental AIDS medication available to patients in critical

According to statements from Bristol-Myers, patients who are intolerant to, or failing on, the only two FDA-approved drugs for single-agent use against AIDS — AZT and DDI — may be eligible to receive d4T from their physicians at no charge.

The medication is the first to be made available under the newly developed "Parallel Track" policy of the Food and Drug Administration, inaugurated "to provide earlier access to important new drugs, ease unnecessary regulatory

ease unnecessary regulatory burdens, and strengthen U.S. competitiveness." The new policy permits patients with life-threatening illnesses to access experimental drugs that are still undergoing clinical trials.

Like AZT and DDI, d4T belongs to a class of com-pounds called nucleoside ana-logues, a man-made substance similar to the natural building similar to the fauth a founding blocks used to define genetic information in DNA and RNA. It works by inhibiting an enzyme that HIV needs to grow. Once inside the cell d4t is converted to d4T triphosphate, which is believed to inhibit the activity of HIV's reverse transcriptase enzyme.

A double-blind randomized comparison of d4T versus AZT in some patients has been under way since May of

Persons with AIDS who wish to obtain d4T must call Bristol-Myers Squibb at (800) 842-8036 during regular busi-ness hours (Eastern time). ness hours (Eastern time). They will be given general information about d4T, after which their physicians must call to facilitate enrollment. No d4T will be released to patients, only to licensed physicians who complete both physician registration and patient enrollment forms. After tient enrollment forms. After the entry forms are reviewed for eligibility by medical retor eligibility by medical reviewers the patient will be accepted into the program. Thereafter, the physician will be allotted a month's supply of the drug follow-up and adverse experience forms must be filed monthly for additional medication.

Patients will be allowed to stay with the program "as long as there is need, they do not voluntarily withdraw, they do not experience adverse effects, the program is still in effect, and d4T is not approved for sale in the U.S.," according to the company.



### AIDS Bereavement Group

What: Short-term groups in six- to eight- week series are available for loved ones who have lost someone to AIDS.

When: Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to begin in November. Please call 750-5718 for information and registration.

Where: St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center. Sponsored by Chaplaincy Services.

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#### Dykespace

by Rachel Timoner

#### Lesbian Sex Club Goes Through Changes

Ecstasy Lounge, the safer sex club by, for, and about lesbians, is changing ownership, time, and location.

Lounge owner Kitaka Gara, who pioneered the club idea with business partner Judith Cohen, is now going it alone, as Cohen has decided to refocus on AIDS activism work full time. The Lounge is moving out of Eros, the men's location on Market Street near Church, and is setting up shop on Thursday nights at 933 Harrison Street, between 5th and 6th streets.

Gara said the club had to move because they had ongoing difficulties with the owners of Eros. But she was quick to reassure club-goers that 933 Harrison is just as good, if not better,

This place is so killer. It's larger, it has two play rooms, pri-

"This place is so killer. It's larger, it has two play rooms, private booths, a better sound system, more video monitors, and a bigger demonstration space," she said. "Eros was very sterile. This place is clean, but it's got character."

The next party at Ecstasy Lounge will take place on Thursday, October 29. The price has gone down a dollar, to \$7 with a \$3 six-month membership. The Lounge will exchange new membership cards for old Eros cards. Gara said patrons still must bring their own beer, but in the new location soft drinks are free. For more information, call the Ecstasy Lounge hotline at (415) 267-6915.

#### Patricia Ireland Speaks

San Francisco National Organization for Women hosted a speaking engagement by the group's National President, Pa-tricia Ireland, on October 13 at the New College School of Law. Ireland came out as bisexual when she assumed her post last year. Look for more details about the event and a personal interview with Ireland in the next issue of the Bay Area Re-

#### We Still Believe Anita

It's one year later and Clarence is on the bench, Anita is a hero, and women all over the country are speaking out about sexual harrassment. But the scars from the Senate Judiciary Committee's white-straight-boy insensitivity are still fresh. And

Committee's white-straight-boy insensitivity are still fresh. And activists still remember how certain senators voted.

That's why, in order to mark the one-year anniversary of the Thomas/Hill hearings, the Women's Action Coalition, California Abortion Rights Action League, National Organization for Women, and 20 Percent By 2020 (a group working to increase the number of women in the Senate), are joining forces outside Senator John Seymour's office in San Francisco to protest the Senator's vote in favor of confirming Thomas one

year ago.

The event will take place October 15 from noon to 1 p.m. at 211 Main Street, two blocks south of Market at Drumm.

Send items of interest to the Bay Area Reporter, 395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103; Attn: Dykespace.

#### **National News**

## Ruling Expected in "The Case of The Presbyterian Lesbeterian'

by Dennis Conkin

A judicial commission of The Presbyterian Church (USA) will rule this month whether or not the call of an avowed lesbian minister by a New York Presbyterian con-

New York Presbyterian congregation violated the denomination's constitution.

The ruling will be made in an appeal of a July dismissal by a New York synod of charges that the call of Reverend Jane Spahr by the Downtown United Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York violated the denomination's guidelines.

The complaint was filed by fifteen individuals and ten congregations that opposed Spahr's appointment to the post of associate minister at the church.

the church.

Spahr, an out lesbian, was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1974, prior to the demonimation's 1978 "defini-tive guidance" that banned "self-affirming homosexuals" from ordination. That ruling of the church's General As-

sembly exempted persons or-dained before 1978.
"It's not just the issue of homosexual orientation, the issue also is whether the pres-bytery that approved her call bytery that approved her can has right to affirm a call to the church," said Marj Car-penter, a spokesperson for the Presbyterian Church (USA). "It should be very interest-

Although the eighteen-member General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commis-sion that will hear the case has been requested to issue

a press statement following their ruling, no interviews of individual members "will be allowed at any time," Carpenter said. "They don't want to be intimidated or harassed," she said.

The PJC, composed of members of the faith who are attorneys and church elders, will also hear the appeal in the case of Lisa Largess, a Minneapolis, Minn. lesbian whose bid to be certified as ready for ordination as a Presbyterian minister last year was denied because she is a lesbian.

In that case, a Twin Cities presbytery ruled that the call and ordination of Largess was forbidden because they violated the denomination's

violated the denomination's 1978 ban on gay clergy.

## **Episcopal Priest To Preside at** Ceremony for Lesbian Couple

DETROIT - A promiment Episcopal priest plans to help two lesbian church members pledge their love to each other, but he said it won't be a wedding and it won't be a wedding and it won't be a blessing, both of which are banned for gay couples. The Reverend Ervin Brown, rector of Christ Epis-copal Church, said his only

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S.T.D.'s

purpose is to make a "pastoral response" to two women who are his parishioners.



But he told his congregasermon that he knows his action is controversial — and he was right. Because of a planned protest, Brown has switched the scheduled October 17 date of the ceremony to another, un-

Episcopal priests in Michigan are under orders not to bless gay couples, pending the outcome of a church study on sexuality which is

ill under way. Brown said the ceremony

will not violate that order be-cause it will not be a blessing, but rather a "pastoral and liturgical affirmation of the convenant of fidelity between two nearly" two people.

Michigan Episcopal Bishop R. Stewart Wood Jr. supports Brown's decision, but many traditionalists are furious. They say calling the ceremony anything other than a blessing is just playing word games.

## **Native Americans**

(Continued from page 18)



Two Spirit contingent in the march also served another

purpose.
"We were being visible also for gay Indians who aren't connected to any

groups, so that they could see that they do fit in some-where," said Gibson. "So many people are still closeted out there. We want to reach out more to tribal reservations to let them know we do exist and the struggle contin-

The lesbian and gay Natives who spoke to the Bay Area Reporter were extremely pleased with the October 11 event and are optimistic about the future for the Two

Spirit community.
"It felt like one of the most positive groups of people coming together in a long time. I felt a whole lot of sup-port," Youngblood said. "A lot of people in the Native American community have been saying that there's a new time coming up, and I believe that."

The Indian Center of All Nations will be holding a community election for the board of directors on Saturday, October 24, at 3004 16th Street, Suite 203, from 9 to 5 p.m.



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## Minority

IHSS, says that activism in the lesbian and gay community will be hampered by the cuts, because so many people with disabilities are involved

with disabilities are involved in community organizing.
"If you have people who are not getting the services they need, they can't do community work. They can't be involved if they can't get up in the morning," Gupp said.

And since more than 80 percent of the people living with AIDS in San Francisco are estimated to be gay or bisexual men, the cuts have an even greater impact on queer lives.

lives.

According to Paul Imperiale, Mayor Jordan's disability coordinator, "Eighteen percent of San Franciscans are severely disabled, including people with HIV and AIDS.

At last count, 35,000 people in the city have full-blown AIDS. In the later stages of the disease, you need attended. And the disease, you need attendant services," but with the latest budget cuts, Imperiale believes people who need the services won't get all they

need.
Even though gay community organizations provide unparalleled volunteer services
for those who are living with
AIDS, advocates for people
with disabilities say that the
gay community should start
getting involved in the fight
for IHSS.
"There's a lot of gay peo-

"There's a lot of gay peo-ple who are on IHSS and who are eligible for IHSS be-cause they have AIDS. How long is the gay and lesbian community going to be able to keep [the volunteer care] up?" asks Simi Litvak of the World Institute on Disabilities. "People are living for a long time with significant disabilities." abilities from AIDS. We're talking about long-term assistance. As volunteerism in the lesbian and gay community dries up, this is what allows us to pay people to be attendants."

Despite the devastating effect IHSS cuts will have on people with AIDS and queers with other disabilities, the diswith other disabilities, the disability activists say they see a general lack of awareness among the lesbian, gay, and AIDS communities about the cuts and about other issues important to people with disabilities.

#### The denial factor

They say that the lack of awareness comes from a variety of sources, including the low visibility of people with disabilities in the lesbian and gay community and denial on behalf of people with AIDS or other illnesses about the fact that they are living with disabilities.

disabilities, environmental illness and chronic fatigue immune deficiency syndrome, which are often not even ac-knowledged as physical con-ditions by doctors, strike dis-proportionately high numbers of lesbians.

of lesbians. Melinda Paras, who serves as the deputy executive director of Shanti Project and the co-chair of the board of the CFIDS Foundation, told the Bay Area Reporter that when people come down with CFIDS, they are usually told that it is in their heads. "The symptoms appear

very serious and they're taken seriously until those possibilities of cancer, AIDS, or multiple sclerosis are ruled out. Then people are told that they're crazy. That's what 90 percent of people with CFIDS are told. Only a handful of doctors will treat people for it," Paras says, adding those doctors who will treat CFIDS can't take any more patients because their caseload is so full already. Despite "hundreds of lesbians" living with CFIDS in San Francisco, including "many prominent leaders," according to Paras, "CFIDS is very serious and they're taken

cording to Paras, "CFIDS is totally invisible because peo-ple are in their houses. You could be in bed for six months to a year, completely



Disabled activist Amy Gupp protests budget cuts

disabled. People just drop out

disabled. People just drop out of sight."

Although there is greater awareness of the fatigue and other disabling conditions that affect people living with AIDS in the able-bodied queer community, many people with AIDS-related disabilities find are recommunity. ities find gay community ac-tivities no longer welcoming. One man living with CMV

One man living with CMV retinitis (which, according to the Rose Resnick Center for the Visually Impaired, strikes 20 percent of people with AIDS) told the Bay Area Reporter that "the fact that the bars are all dark makes it nearly impossible to go out. There are no social options for people with vision loss. People need to be more aware it's a need to be more aware it's a problem. If I bump into some-one, they assume I'm being rude. It never occurs to them that I might have vision loss."

"It's much more widespread

than people are recognizing. And it would be easier for me to interact in the community if people were more aware," he added.

Paras said that the issue of Paras said that the issue of invisibility is compounded when people are diagnosed as having AIDS, or CFIDS, or cancer, because "people are challenged by the enormous losses of income, mobility, and of potential loss of life that are very difficult things to accept and it makes accepting selfand it makes accepting self-identification as disabled very difficult."

"The situation is that people can be disabled for years and experience an enormous amount of denial. For a long time I didn't get a disability placard for my car, So I didn't placard for my car. So I didn't go anywhere because I couldn't park near where I needed to go. The truth is when you fill out that form you're saying to the world that you're disabled," which is something that's extremely dif-ficult to acknowledge. Paras ficult to acknowledge, Paras

said.

Mary Fowler, who serves on the Oakland Mayor's Commission on Disabled Persons, and who recently founded RollAIDS, an organization that distributes wheelchairs to people with AIDS, says she hasn't had too many takers for the wheelchairs.

nad too many takers for the wheelchairs.

"People may not want to get the chair until they're desperate. It has to do with denial that they're not asking for it early. People probably keep their old attitudes about disabilities and may not see that they're research camps that

they've got several camps that they've got several camps that they're a part of?' she said.

But Paras thinks that as people with AIDS are living longer and longer, more and more will begin to identify with the disability movement.

The gay community's response Although several disabled

activists brought up issues with the Freedom Day Parade's lack of accessibility ("Every year they make it more and more difficult for disabled people to attend"), everyone who spoke to the Bay Area Reporter on this issue agreed that the queer communities are by far the best about working to make activities and events accessible to ties and events accessible to people with disabilities. "I think the lesbian and gay

community has been in the vanguard of accessibility for disabled people," Gupp said.
"I feel that of all the communities that I've been involved in, the lesbian community has been the protection." nity has been the most con-scious about accessibility," Martinez said, adding that people need to continue to listen and adapt to the changing needs of the disabled community.
Paras thinks that AIDS has

taught the gay community about issues of accessibility and ableism.

"Because AIDS-related types of disabilities are so in-your-face, I don't think you'll find that ableism is as perva-sive in the gay community as in others. There's far more sense that it could be you, which is the biggest point about ableism. And people are forced to deal with access more because of AIDS," she

said.

And the man living with CMV retinitis who wished to remain anonymous added, "I was very concerned at first that there wouldn't be the support I need, but my friends have all been very supportive," and gay community organizations, like Shanti, have also been there to help.

## 'Pink Slip'

without trouble.

"There are so many small presses in San Francisco we just can't let you in," said Arthur Bruzzone, the host/bouncer of the event.

So, as several members of the queer press stood arguing for more than a half bur.

the queer press stood arguing for more than a half hour with Bruzzone, the Bay Area Reporter took the opportunity to interview the head of San Francisco's Republican Party against the backdrop of screening, protested.

reaming protesters.

Apparently Warren Merril has a strong optimistic streak. Either that or he hasn't seen

a San Francisco newspaper alternative or mainstream
 in weeks. In any case, the man who heads the GOP in this city said that he still thinks Bush is going to beat Clinton in California.

"The polls are tightening up. I predict he'll win California by two to three points and

the nation by four or five points," Merril said. Furthermore, the Republi-can chief said, his party is the best place for gay people. "There has been some ero-

"There has been some erosion in gay support of the Republican Party because of the veto of AB 101 and the emphasis on family values. Even though many don't agree with the Republican Party's social policy, all gays have more in common with the Republican Party than the Democratic

Party. We feel that we are better representative of the community than the Democratic Party, which is dominated by the ultra-left."

Merril's attitude didn't seem to wash well with the protesters who were gleefully telling Bush to "pack his bags" and chanting "four more weeks!"

Meanwhile one enthralled

Meanwhile, one enthralled youngster forced his mother to stay with him on the corner for more than an hour to watch the protest. Seven-yearold Shawn Moore summed up what he saw for the

up what he saw for the B.A.R.:

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figure.

Lee was equally damning of the president's statements about HIV-infected basketball star Magic Johnson, who resigned from the National Commission on AIDS, citing Bush's alleged disinterest in the epidemic.

During the debate, Bush

During the debate, Bush suggested that Johnson took suggested that Johnson took little interest in the commission himself, only attending one meeting before resigning. In fact, of the six commission meetings held during his tenure, Johnson personally attended two and sent the head of his foundation to the remaining four as his representation. maining four as his represen-

"I would also point out," Lee added, "that Magic, having attended two meetings, has attended twice as many as the president's own secre-





Tipper Gore (left) and Lily Tomlin reading names from the Names Project Quilt

tary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan, who has attended one meeting of the commission during his three years as a member." Should a Clinton adminis-

Should a Clinton administration replace Bush's, some demonstrators noted, the pressure would be eased on activists who have spent much of the last ten years attacking the executive branch for inaction on AIDS. With Congress cutting AIDS spending from the president's al. ing from the president's al-ready meager increases, they

suggested, their anger could soon turn to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.
"If we get a Clinton ad-

"If we get a Clinton administration, we're stil going to have to agitate and advocate for the things that we want," added Petrelis. "Clinton is not going to deliver on his promises without advocacy from the AIDS community. ... [But] we will move on to holding Congress accountable and getting Congress to deal with the AIDS crisis responsibly."

## Friday

16 member denominations, including Roman Catholics, Orthodox Catholics, and Protestants, denounced the homophobic measure, now

trailing in most polls.

And you may think that some members unwisely some members unwisely make a career out of being a House member but California's Prop. 164 on the ballot next month that would impose term limits on members of Congress is, in my mind, a stupid plan. It only gives members from other states the seniority and the power of committee chairs, etc., while California members would

California members would never get that power; the state then, of course, becomes the big loser.

The San Jose Mercury
News editorially attacked Governor Pete Wilson for vetoing a badly needed needle exchange program, but praised Mayor Frank Jordan and the city of San Francisco for daring to defy the governor by going ahead with a plan to implement the pro-

Rock star Elton John announced last week that he will donate to AIDS charities will donate to AIDS charities his artist royalties from all future singles released in the United States. John's recording company, MCA, immediately donated a \$100,00 advance on his hit "The Last Song" to AIDS groups in New York.

Friends of Supervisor light

Friends of Supervisor Jim Friends of Supervisor Jim Gonzalez are throwing a birth-day party/fundraiser October 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at 301 8th Street, \$50-\$100 donation asked. Actor Danny Glover and musician Carlos Santana are among those expected to are among those expected to help the veteran supervisor celebrate (info: 641-7696).

Gay and lesbian supporters of Dianne Feinstein are holding a fundraiser/reception for the popular senatorial nomi-nee on October 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ansel Adams Cen-ter, 250 Fourth Street. Be-witched star Dick Sargent, a gay activist who also served as grand marshal of this year's LA Gay Freedom Day Parade, will be a special guest; \$50 minimum donation asked (Lowell Gibbs at 705-8763 for info) and I'll see you there.



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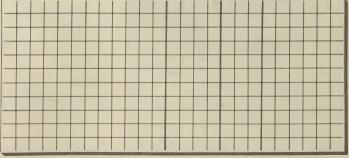
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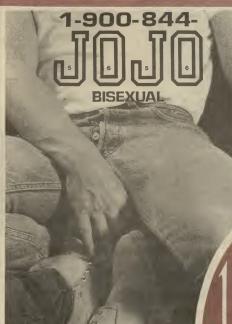
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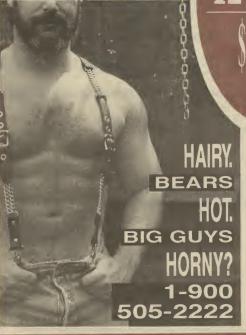


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# **Bodie**

The Homoerotic
Photograph — Male
Images from
Durieu/Delacroix to Mapplethorne by Allen Ellenzweig; Columbia University Press, \$44.95

by Robert Julian

n a year cluttered with books and calendars full of male nudes, Columbia University Press has scored a triumph with the publication of a beautiful and intelligent new book by Allen Ellenzweig. The Homoerotic Photograph stands out because of the quality of its photographs and the intelligent research and analysis the author brings to his subject matter.

The introduction, by the late George Stambolian, sets the tone and lets the reader know this is a serious take on the subject. The book provides not only visual but intellectual stimulation as well. Stambolian proposes, somewhat startlingly, that "homoeroticism shapes and is shaped by homophobia. The pleasure we derive from an image is sometimes diminpleasure we derive from an image is sometimes diminished and often enhanced by the power exercised against it. We accept the delicate negotiations desire must make with fear or defiance."

With Stambolian's auspicious curtain raiser, author Ellenzweig begins his presentation of male erotica with

tation of male erotica with the 1850s and continuing to present day. He points out thatthe term "homosexuality" wasn't even coined until 1869



Minor White's Produce Market Area, San Francisco, Ca., 1950. White's more overtly homoerotic images remained closeted until much later

and that then, as now, "homo-erotic" is determined by the viewer — it is an *individual* decision. He cites an inno-cence in early male nudes which quickly disappeared to-ward the end of the 19th century when homosexuality be-came a clearly identified, so-cially unacceptable practice.

Grecian Bent

At the turn of the century, photographers like Baron Von Gloeden posed their male nudes to recall classic Greco-Roman art and minioreco-Roman art and minimize the homoerotic content of their poses. Europeans were consistently freer in their presentation of homoerotic subject matter than Americans, but the universal closet controlled the output of closet controlled the output of many photographers through the middle of the 20th centu-ry. Minor White kept his ho-moerotic images unexhibited and unpublished until after

and unpublished until after his death.

The author laments the diminished reputations Herbert List and his contemporary, George Platt Lynes, acquired essentially as a result of institutionalized homophobia:

One could not be a visual chronicler of the Beautiful without being thought of as dealing with the superficially pretty. One could not deal with the superficially pretty

without risking the tag of "homosexual," or "pansy," or "pervert." And as an artist, one could not be any of those things without being thought of as speaking with a limited vocabulary.

The 127 black-and-white

photographs in this large cof-fee-table tome will provide interesting browsing for years to come, but it is the text that ultimately sustains this work

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Author Dorothy Allison riding high with National Book Award and Pulitzer nominations

## Festival With a Queer Edge

by Patrick D. Hoctel

his weekend's San his weekend's San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival's decided lesbian/gay edge is no accident according to festival board member and A Different Light Bookstore manager Richard Labonte. What he terms "a conscious outreach effort" on the part of the festival is responsible for this year's large queer presence.

ence.
After the 1991 festival that included such local gay stalwarts as Sally Gearhart, Holly Near, Bo Huston and recent National Book Award

and Pulitzer Prize nominee Dorothy Allison, board members approached Labonte and "asked me to feed them the names of potential participants from the lesbian/gay writing community. I had the sense that they wanted to have a real lesbian/gay voice there."

there."

Labonte points out that the 1992 fest features a much higher proportion of respected national gay authors — John Preston, Lillian Faderman (Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers), gay conservative Marvin Liebman, cartoonist Alison Bechdel, mystery/de-

(Continued on page 38)

#### by Robert Julian

Judging from last week's television offerings, you might think the revolution was over — and we won.

NBC debuted their new sitcom Mad About You
Wednesday night at 8 p.m.
Paul Reiser (with a new and improved toupee) costars with Helen Hunt. In the debut episode, the young married couple were given lots of gay-positive banter, the show even had some fun with homosexuality, laughing with us, but not at us. At one point Hunt's character expressed her amazement and disgust at society's censure of gay people, "Can you imagine somebody telling you it's a sin to love the person you love?"

God bless the cultural elite.

Over on PBS, Great Performances celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special collection of new works commissioned for the occasion. Locally, KQED ran this event Friday night. Watch for an encore performances



Michael Douglas demonstrates the technique that got him hospitalized.



Dixie Carter - seeking the why of Delta Burke?

mance in order to catch
Terrence McNally's The
Last Mile. McNally (author



Helen Hunt is mad about us

of the extremely gay-positive The Ritz and Frankie and Johnny among others) penned this vignette for Bernadette Peters and Paul Sorvino about an anxious diva about to assay her first Tosca. There's a lovely, and poignant, riff involving the diva's deceased brother, the stage manager and red ribbons for AIDS awareness.

On the home front, the SF Chron/Examiner is doing well with their 900 line for "relationships" (where do you think they got that idea?). After the male-to-female, female-to-male and female-to-female categories, they have something euphemistically labeled "alternative lifestyles." In the heterosexual vernacular this evidently means three-ways, unless you count the "ex-Catholic into recovery and exploring feelings" who "seeks woman into high heels, Hanes, foot rubs, and being worshipped." But can he afford the trip to Monte Carlo?

According to the National Enquirer, the pregnant and unwed Princess Stephanie of Monaco is now refusing to marry her bodyguard/lover, Daniel Ducret, allegedly the father of the child. Prince Rainier is furious about the impending out-of-wedlock birth. No reason is given as to why the princess is so gun-shy. Enquiring minds might get to the bottom of the matter by recalling those photos of the seminude princess, lounging on the beach with her tongue down the throat of her female companion. The simultaneous and untimely death of her brother-in-law in a boating accident was the only thing that saved Stephanie from a major international scandal.

But it appears nothing can save Michael Douglas from his own basic instinct. According to the Enquirer, he's now an inpatient at the Sierra Tucson clinic in a sexaholic rehab program (at the insistence of his wife who caught him en flagrante once again). "Michael confessed that he loved to have women sit in front of him wearing no underwear — and flash him the



Scott O'Hara, not asking why, but how. (Photo: Mark I. Chester

way Sharon Stone did in Basic Instinct. He loves rough sex ... ." Michael blames it all on his dad, an incorrigible womanizer, who taught him "that women were just there to be used." If you think about his indignant reaction to the now-prescient Basic Instinct protests, it's enough to make your blood boil. On the road to rehab, maybe his doctors can convince him to stop parading his tired, naked, fortysomething ass across movie screens.

Speaking of naked excess—the infamous On Broadway Theatre is starting a new show Oct. 30, with former star jiggler Carol Doda as mistress of ceremonies. The first line of the press release describes it as a "high class MALE STRIP REVIEW targeting a female audience." Avoiding the oxymoron in that phrase, we will draw your attention (and hopefully that of Queer Nation) to the last four words. Do they mean, like Chippendale's, that no fags are allowed except for the ones onstage who are pretending not to be? Choreographer/director Nicholas Romm describes his creation as "a generally enjoyable series of vignettes each establishing a mode of character and presentation with sense structure [sic], then with transitory elegance, dipping gently into the art of the classical strip." Well, excuse moi.

But for titular obfuscation, MCA/Universal Home Video takes the prize for Dixie Carter's new workout tape to be released in December. It will be called Dixie Carter's Unworkout and will feature "an exercise regimen that encompasses a variety of exercise disciplines, including yoga, stretching, deep breathing and dance movements."

Elton John is reportedly peddling his autobiography to publishers with an asking price of \$750,000. He promises a tell-all tome that details his cocaine addiction, hair transplants and wild gay escapades. He's already spilled these beans on a variety of talk shows, and even if he hadn't, you could still name that tune in two notes.



Preggars princess — Stephanie of Monaco

But in issue No. 6 of Diseased Pariah News, porn luminary and stage performer Scott O'Hara continues his serialized essay, "How I Got AIDS: Memoirs of a Working Boy." Scott, whose anatomical peculiarities leave him with at least one more safe sex option that most people, rambles a bit but manages to come off wistful. Maybe it's better to remember those immortal words from Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore, "Don't look back. You'll turn into a pillar of shit."

But issue No. 5 of Homoture offers the last word on the Sex Is saga. "Like Fran Leibowitz and John Waters before him, Marc Huestis has begun to give the impression of someone who is prepared to dine out on the same story for the next 20 years ... seeing the same old tired faces on video over the last two years is not exciting." But Leibowitz, unlike Huestis, does have a completed project. A 20-year retrospective of her work is slated to open in January at the Ansel Adams Center. Watch for it.



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## **Hearts Divided**

by Mark Freeman

prophetess is not without honor, save in her own country, So the Bible almost said and it still is true. It can be particularly so for those of us who are from somewhere else: lesbian and gay emigrés, or cross-cultural voyagers. We wind up with our hearts in two place with a lot to say about both.

with a lot to say about both.

When it comes to the hearts of Indian gay people, most of the voices that have piped up recently on film are from abroad — it is probably still dangerous to be openly gay in Indian films. My Beautiful Laundrette, from the novel by Hanif Kureishi, took place in London, while Masala was a hilariously camp feature last year from Montreal. Last year also brought two shorter gaythemed works by women, with similar titles: Nidhi Singh's Khush Refugees and Pratibha Parmar's Khush. (Khush derives from the Hindi word for "joyful," but its newer meaning is "gay.")
Nidhi Singh lives and works in San Francisco, yet her film received acclaim everywhere but here. It was a pick at the Montreal, Hawaii, Los Angeles, London and New York gay and lesbian film festivals, but it did not

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''You run the risk of trying so hard to put out the right political
agenda about
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#### **Unique Conflicts**

The film, which takes place in San Francisco, concerns a love affair between two "gay refugees." Rahul is an immigrant from Delhi, quixotic, handsome, romantic (dreams of being married in a red sari) and middle class. Dante is a workingelese (dreams of being married in a red sari) and middle class. Dante is a working-class "white ex-Marine from the American Midwest," where he never slept with anyone who was not Anglo.

Exploring their relationship during the film's 33 minutes, we are privy to conflicts and misunderstandings any couple might experience, and also to some that are unique to young men of different cul-

to young men of different cul-

tures and backgrounds. Singh explains, "So much of San Francisco is about being a refugee. Whether gay or straight, so many people have run away and come here, even if they only ran 50 miles

The filmmaker (who is from Delhi) does not take sides. She shows both of her subject's "pre-refugee" histories, and finds each of them fascinating and worthy of respect. The Midwesterner has some quaint attitudes toward race, but he is allowed to race, but he is allowed to show them in the larger con-text of his life — one we can care about.

Nidhi Singh is not unaware of the power a film-maker has to shape; allowing the characters to be them-selves was a conscious deci-sion. "Film is always a rip-off;" she admits, "because off," she admits, "because whoever is in a film, their voice and image are essentially taken away from them. You just hope whoever does the rip-off does it with decent motives." But her even-hand-edness may have worked against Singh when the film ame up for festival selection

In their effort to make sure that the San Francisco Les-bian and Gay Film Festival is not solely about white gays, Frameline has assembled a multicultural staff and screen-ing committee. But does the committee's decision to reject Khush Refugees raise questions about our community's ability to deal with racism?

#### Not Correct Enough

Singh feels the film was easier to talk about narrow nationalism."

Frameline wound up

Frameline wound up screening the film later at Eye Gallery. Mark Finch, Frameline's artistic director, comments, "Who can tell what each member of the screening committee thought? Leaswally am a strong sup. I personally am a strong sup-porter of Nidhi's films. They porter of Nidhi's films. They raise crucial questions about culture, race and documentary filmmaking. In fact, at the London festival, we made it a key part of the program. And it's a shame it did not feature in this year's lesbian and gay festival here, but we

reature in this year's lesbian and gay festival here, but we received 295 entries and could only show 80 of them."
Singh believes all races can benefit from more open discussion. "We usually focus on black and white differences, but among different people of color, it is just as problematic to be in mixed problematic to be in mixed



Rahul (left) and Dante, the subjects of Khush Refugees.

relationships. Is there any rearelationships. Is there any rea-son why a Japanese person should know more about In-dia than a Jewish person or a white person?"

The filmmaker wants us to

admit that we all have preju-dices and we all have desires to experience people unlike ourselves. But there are dif-ferences between exoticiza-

about it.

A simple reverse-Patient Zero scenario – this time the flight attendant, Frank (Peter Senner), is the ostensible "victim" rather than the perpetrator – is complicated by two of the strategies director Jochen Hick, a Hamburg film

director Jochen Hick, a Hamburg film student, employs.

One has to do with Hick's decision to frame his story as a film within a film — Frank and a filmmaker friend (played by Yves Jansen, whose character's name does not appear in the closing credits or in the subtitles) are making a documentary for German television about the flight attendant's ouest.

The logistics of their shoot appe

The logistics of their shoot appear in spots to mirror the reality of Hick's shoot, lending the finished product, Via Appia, a spoody tension. What we see on the screen careens back and forth between "realism" and what appears to be very real. Via Appia is as clever as Hector Babenco's Pixote in this regard, and all the more potent because of it.

and all the more potent because of it. The Search for Mario

The search for Mario

The second complication in Via
Appia is plot-motivated. Mario, the
man whom Frank seeks, is nowhere to
be found. Shortly after their arrival,
Frank and his director friend meet Jose
(Guilherme de Padua), who says that he
thinks he knows who Mario is, and in
any case can help them find him.

Mario and the search for him is
basically a Hitchcockian-style red
herring. Has he died already? Is he,
being as he is one of dozens of Brazilian
men Frank has slept with, merely a way

men Frank has slept with, merely a way for the flight attendant to come to grips

tion and racism - and only by exploring real people will we find those distinctions and begin to work on them. Singh notes that "saying that everyone should be only with their own kind is the easy way out. And it sounds too much like what our families told us."

Now this transplant from Delhi is going back "home" to

make a film she feels must be made. It's on the taboo sub-ject of AIDS on the Indian subcontinent: what is being done and, much more impor-tantly, what isn't.

tantly, what isn't.

Singh is planning to humanize the issue via interviews with a wide range of Indians who are HIV positive.

She also intends to do some serious muckraking about of-ficial attitudes, non-existent blood screening and "rehabil-itation homes" run by Chris-tian groups. The latter keep drug users who are HIV pos-titive (even asymptometic)

drug users who are HIV positive (even asymptomatic) chained to their beds.
Singh will spend the end of October and all of November in India filming, then return and edit during December. The filmmaker hopes to create a film that educates while it allows her homeland to speak. "It will try to be a film relevant to India, hopefully relevant to the world, but San Francisco is sure to creep in." That's the way with transplants.

Editor's note: To see a copy of Khush Refugees contact Crosscurrent Media, NAATA at 552-9550. Rushes for the new film will be screened during a benefit at Club N'Zinga on Jan. 29 of



A number of steamy scenes are featured in Jochen Hick's Via Appia.

Singh feels the film was not "correct" enough to meet the jury's political standards. "You run the risk of trying so hard to put out the right political agenda about people of color that you can't be open and liberal to mixed relationships. Especially when we are under attack by the right wing, it is hard to talk about real people in real relationships, with all their cultural differences and problems. It's easier to talk about narrow

with the reality of his condition?

The elusive Mario provides Frank with a perverse form of comfort and sense of purpose, a way to retrace his sexual past. Frank's obsession with getting at the "cause" of his medical predicament is peculiar indeed – and on the surface at least, futile whether he succeeds or not. He is aided throughout by Jose and a few of the latter's countrymen who take him and latter's countrymen who take him and

throughout by Jose and a few of the latter's countrymen, who take him and his director friend to a number of steamy (literally and otherwise) locales. Hick's evocation of bathhouse desire and tropical heat in general is palpable.

In a series of interchanges between the Germans and various Brazilians, Hick not only renders Frank and his friend's individual states of mind (particularly Frank's vis a vis his progressive decline from AIDS), but also illustrates the manner in which financial inequity, cultural and sexual differences, arrogance, desire and ignodifferences, arrogance, desire and igno rance all inform the relations between and among all of the men involved in Via Appia (the film's title comes from ne of a street where men offer themselves quite openly for sex)

**Important Questions** 

Important Questions

To his credit, Hick casts a nonjudgmental eye on his protagonists. He
doesn't tell them what to think
anymore than he tells us, and they seem
all the more real – and therefore
instructive – because of it. Via Appia
raises, explicitly and implicitly, some
very important questions about desire
(and its consequences), about
heterosexuality and homosexuality (the
Germans and the Brazilians clearly
have divergent, culturally engendered
notions about what constitutes "gay"
sex and being gay, for instance) and
also about "cultural imperialism."

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heirs is a twilight world, rarely seen in our fair city: a world of acid-wash, elastic-waist, puff-sleeve jackets, Reeboks, Dockers, Easy Spirit Walkers, \$6 haircuts and aviator glasses. They push strollers full of screaming babies, shocking decent people by acting as if obliviousness to the infernal racket was the most natural reaction.

The day after the concert, were the phone lines of radio talk shows jammed with homosexual callers who wanted to accept these people, despite their perverse behavior and appalling appearance, but who simply could not do it?

The recent Neil Diamond concert at the Oakland Colise-um was one of the many "festivals" these people attend each year. Although there were many child-encumbered couples in evidence, did Image magazine recently run a story entitled "Why Straight People Are Still Breeding?" Despite rain-forest destruction, ozone depletion and famines linked directly to overpopulation, why do straight people refuse to change their sexual habits and use protection?

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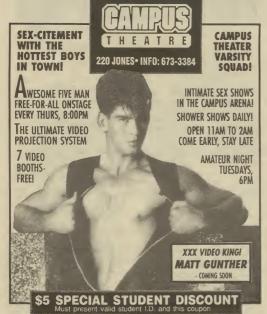
"Forever in blue jeans" at the Oakland Coliseum.



"Kentucky woman, she get to know you, she gonna own you."



''She got the way to move me. Cherry, she got the way to move me.''  $\ensuremath{\text{\sc he}}$ 



and appalling appearance, but who simply could not do it? Did a handful of straight people call in to apologize for their kind and try, without success, to convince listeners that "we aren't all like that!" Were they grilled on the meaning of secret hetero signals like "why do they all flick their Bics at the end of the show?" and "what does a baseball cap worn forward mean?"

Are the adults shown here civilians in the Cultural War or cleverly disguised terrorists, committed to destroying all that we hold dear? Do they seek to pervert the minds of the gay and lesbian youth of our nation? Could it be possible that, beneath the happy concert-going faces you see here, there beat the hearts of killers hell-bent on banning records, burning books and firing decent homos from their jobs? Proceed with caution. These are the people who attend Neil Diamond concerts.



''Until I can find me a girl who's tame and won't play games behind me, I'll be what I am - solitary man.''

## **Funny Ladies**

by Noreen C. Barnes

he stage light makes Deborah Theaker's skin pale, almost green. Her huge dark eyes are sad: she's clad in 19th-century black lace and her delivery is deadpan—and dead on. "I'm Emily Bronte;" she says solemnly. "I go to the physician, and he says to me,

There is much vomen to win over an audience.

'Emily, you're consumptive.' Doctor, I reply pensively, my milky countenance awash in thought. I'd like a second opinion. 'Alright, then, your novels are oppressively

Gail Singer's Wisecracks, a documentary about contemporary women comics, is a smart, very funny and very serious film. The Canadian serious film. The Canadian filmmaker alternates live performances with the women's commentary on their work. Historical footage of comic foremothers is interspersed with newer work to set up Singer's thematic categories, such as dealing with hecklers, the rewards of performing, and the move from self-denigrating to more aggressive material. There is subversion and ir-

reverence in contemporary women's comedy, an increase in women shattering long-held taboos about what is talked about in front of an au-dience, a new frankness about dience, a new frankness about everything from penises to periods. Part of comedy seems to be a sense of anger, and a transformation of the history of having been cruelly objectified by male comedy into a gleeful all-out offensive at men's expense. Women are no longer apologizing for being women — they're firing back by making men the objects of jokes.

#### **Battling Lesbian**

Robin Tyler, the only out Room Tyler, the only out lesbian performer in the film, refers to the "battle between the comic and the audience" and of the threat of the solo woman comic, who has center stage and isn't waiting for

Director Gail Singer

gender performance of "Havin' My Baby"; Maxine Lapiduss, a Jewish woman who aspires to be Aretha Franklin; JoAnne Astrow, who talks about the "sheer courage of standing in front of an audience," and points out that the field is pretty much the domain of single women.

Singer includes clips of some of the comics encountering their worst nightmare—

drunken male hecklers. Most of the women are able to han-

Making the personal public in comic characters and storytelling is both courageous and cathartic. A woman with cerebral palsy, Geri Jewell, finds humor in her physical difference and people's reaction to it. Jewell has found that doing comedy has been a "means of self-acceptance."

Other performers include the three-woman group The Clichettes in a hilarious cross-



Whoops cracks wisely

dle them with aplomb, primarily by remarking on what obviously must be sexual insecurity on the part of the rude boy. Offstage, the wom-en speak of the necessity of being thick-skinned, tough, and appearing to be confident.

#### Performance Zen

For these performers, how-ever, the affirmation of laugh-ter from the audience makes their efforts worth it. Sandra Shamas talks about the "Zen" of performance, and calls the performer a kind of "light-ning rod for creativity," citing (as do several other women) Robin Williams as the most

Robin Williams as the most remarkable example of inspired, "in the moment" comic performance.

There is much greater pressure placed on women to win over an audience, according to African-American comic Kim Wayans, who says that men automatically command more respect when they walk

out onstage, and women have to work harder to gain

Seasoned performers give Seasoned performers give some advice on working: Whoppi Goldberg remarks that the performer cannot take the audience reaction personally, and can never appear to be lost or thrown by the audience's reaction (or lack thereof); she feels free from gender and doesn't think about being a female comic.

Most of the performers concentrate on women's concerns — men, relationships, appearance, weight, aging, money, credit, and PMS; they concentrate on moments of high emotions and extreme embaremotions and extreme embar

rassment.
The film is lacking, however The film is lacking, however, in its representation of lesbian comics (or at least ones who are out) — I missed Kate Clinton and Marga Gomez, for example. Their omission emphasizes that women's comedy is, in many ways, a replication of men's, where straight Caucasians spend a lot of time talking about heterosexual relationships.

What's refreshing about this film are the moments of truly "universal" material. As much as we need to hear women talk about our lives, problems and rituals — and to bash men back through humor — it takes real talent to go beyond those things and to connect to an entire audience,

connect to an entire audience, and to speak to all of us. Some of these women — Paula Poundstone, Deborah Theaker, Dreenagh Darrell, and Maxine Lapiduss — really do.

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#### Tricky Business

Marga Gomez does her *Memory Tricks* at the Marsh (968 Valencia) October 18-21. Making a play for the big time, Gomez reprises her 1991 Solo Mio Festival routine. It's an autobiographical look at growing up in a *Mambo Kings* household of Latin performers. *La chica es loca*, and funny, too. For reservations, call 641-0235.

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### **Bodies**

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and gives it lasting credibility. In addition to providing biographical information on the photographers, the author often analyzes and interprets the homoerotic content of their images, as well as the overall impact of their work. Ellenzweig seems right on target in his assessment of Manulethorne where "style Mapplethorpe, where "style

Minor White kept his homoerotic images unexhibited and unpublished until after his death.

so overwhelms content that we are suspicious of a core vacuity. The Mapplethorpe photograph may not be artless—just heartless."

#### Weber Barbecued

Ellenzweig also skewers self-professed heterosexual Bruce Weber subtly but appropriately: "one is compelled to note that his work seems to note that his work seems to signal a retreat from the very openness that gay liberation has permitted him to exploit so successfully in his representations of the homo-

Only in his assessment of Duane Michaels' work does the author seem to fall somewhat short of the mark. He misses (or fails to comment upon) the strong metaphysical emphasis in Michaels' work, summarizing same as an at-tempt to "bring the particu-lars of homoerotic feeling un-









Brassai's gay Paris of the '30s — A Couple Dancing at the Bal de la Montagne Sainte-Genevieve; George Platt Lynes' untitled 1941 reclining nudes; Herbert List's Ostee, 1933 double-exposure fantasy; Robert Mapplethorpe's Thomas on a Pedestal.

der the shelter of the universal." There is much more going on there, but relatively speaking, this is a minor oversight in a work of great im-

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ing a lot of them in a few months. And now you know what you'll find inside.

Editor's Note: Allen Ellenzweig will speak at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St., at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oc-tober 16.

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### **Festival**

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tective writer Katherine V. Forrest — which "makes us much more high profile, much more immediate, much more political," and he adds that there was "no resistance to having so much gay visibility. When it came time to allocating relatively, precious ity. When it came time to allocating relatively precious panel time, we got two." (He is also pleased that, unlike last year, this year there is a focus on what may become the fall's "big books" — such as Allen Ellenzweig's The Homoerotic Photograph:
Male Images From Durieu/Delacroix to Mapplethorpe.)

Durieu/Delacroix to Mapplethorpe.)
Perhaps not surprisingly, given Labonte's involvement with A Different Light, the aspect of the festival he's happiest with is the very prominent lesbian/gay floor presence. Whereas 1991 saw only ADL, Aunt Lute, Modern Times and Spinsters representing our publishing and bookstore interests, 1992 promises much much more.

promises much, much more.
The West Coast chapter of the Publishing Triangle (of which Labonte is also a mem-



Thom Gunn

ber), an association of lesbian and gay writers and publishers, will have a three-booth spread featuring smaller presses "with 120 to 130 titles. A few publishers have 10 to A tew publishers have 10 to 20 books; some maybe only one. A Different Light, Women's Press, Spinsters, Alyson and two or three others will each have their own booth. On the floor plan, there's five of us on one side and four on the other—a lesbian, gay and familiate contributions of the state of the st and feminist corridor — so if they want to avoid us, they'll know where not to go, and if they want to find us, they can."

Festival Highlights

Of special interest to les-



John Preston

bian and gay book and literature lovers are the two panels Labonte mentioned in passing. The first one, "Exploring the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Experience," moderated by Lillian Faderman, takes place Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. Panelists include Alison Bechdel, Marvin Liebman, Allen Ellenzweig and Carla Trujillo (Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mother Warned Us About). The second, "Exploring the Boundaries of Lesbian and Gay Fiction," moderated by Katherine V. Forrest, takes place Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Panelists include SF Weekly's Elizabeth Pincus (Two-Bit (Continued on next page, bian and gay book and litera-

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## **New Orleans Gothic**

by Jim Coughenour

sood story, is an old tale retold. Directed by Mark Frost (co-creator with David Lynch of Twin Peaks), Storyville is a tale of foul family secrets re-discovered — set in the New South of educated African Americans, sexy Vietnamese immigrants and enlightened social justice. Its lesson is equally familiar: "Down here the past ain't dead. It ain't even past." This shining New South (we understand as soon as we see Big Daddy get shot in the swamp in the opening sequence) will always be undermined by the Old.

The plot is a typical Southern bouillabaisse of power, lust and blood. Cray Fowler (James Spader) is the scion of an oil-rich family, the son of a suicidal father and an inebriated mother (perfectly played by Piper Laurie). As the story toryville, like any

suicidal father and an inebriated mother (perfectly played by Piper Laurie). As the story opens, Cray is making his first bid for political office, assisted by Uncle Clifford (Jason Robards), a crafty old gentleman devoted to Cray and his Mama. But Cray, led astray by an Asian temptress, is soon plunged into mystery, mayhem and a jacuzzi. Nothing is what it appears and poor Cray is suddenly haunted by questions. What base conspiracy lurks at the heart conspiracy lurks at the heart of the Fowler fortune? Why did Daddy kill himself? Why do all his girlfriends look the

#### Answer Soup

The horrid answers, once Cray starts poking around, emerge in layers. Each web of deception, ripped asunder, reveals a more hideous scheme beneath. Friends turn out to be enemies, enemies friends, and family relations are hopelessly perverse. Cray, the smart boy at the center of things, is the dumbest, most innocent character of the lot innocent character of the lot — a flaxen-haired ingenue who

can only save himself with the help of his heroines (one of whom turns out to be a

man).

The best thing about Storyville is that it doesn't pretend to be anything other than what it is: a tawdry tale of lust and corruption. The script capers according to for-mula, but it's a formula aware mula, but it's a formula aware of itself, making the most of its convoluted plot and atmosphere. By shooting the film in the sultry French Quarter, Frost draws upon standard New Orleans imagery — evoking Faulkher, Huey Long, Anne Rice, The Big Easy and Angel Heart along the way. We all know a Southern Gothic tale when we see one, and Frost simply encourages us to settle back and enjoy and southern way. us to settle back and enjoy an-

For the most part, his strategy succeeds. Frost avoids the gratuitous weirdness of Twin Peaks and othness of Iwin Feaks and other David Lynch-type projects. The bizarre characters are part of the plot, not simply thrown in for effect. The deranged Green Beret, the murderous martial arts master, the big-bellied "art" photogra-pher and his drag queen mod-

One of the film's sterling scenes features Bernard Zette's appearance in court, meticulously attired in a smart Jackie Kennedy (circa 1963) ensemble.



James Spader in Storvville

1903) ensemble. Of course sne excites the spectators, and it was only to be expected that someone would try to shoot her. Regrettably, *Storyville* leaves its viewers in the dark as to her fate. Storyville Clay Theatre 346-1123

ryville jambalaya its spice Michael Parks as the de-

ryville jambalaya its spice: Michael Parks as the deranged Green Beret; Charlie Haid as the sleazy leatherman; and (my favorite) Bernard Zette as the bedazzled drag queen. One of the film's sterling scenes features Zette's appearance in court, meticulously attired in her smart Jackie Kennedy (circa 1963) ensemble. Of course she excites the spectators, and it

el are no odder than the sod-den Southern matriarch or the gentleman who takes his the gentleman who takes his old buddy hunting and shoots him in the back. Southern family values, with their traditional harvest of incest, miscegenation and murder, are spacious enough to accommodate everyone.

#### **Blandly Pretty**

James Spader turns in another crafted, colorless performance as Cray Fowler, the handsome hero. As in his othhandsome hero. As in his other roles (e.g., sex, lies and videotape, Bad Influence, True Colors), Spader's charm largely depends on his masculine passivity. He's the actor who's always acted upon. Even when Cray's facing down the family villain, it's impossible to take him seriously. Spader's too wide-eyed, too earnest and too pretty — a male Sally Field.

The supporting actors are

male Sally Field.

The supporting actors are satisfyingly solid. Piper Laurie is the most amusing as the pickled. mother; Jason Robards is simultaneously suave, gritty and corrupt; Michael Warren, the "expensive" African-American lawyer, is suitably principled, and Antical American lawyer, is suitably principled; and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer, as Cray's ex- (and soon-to-be-again) lover, is as stereotypi-cally tough as she is languorous.

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Allen Ellenzweig

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Tango), Jess Wells (Aftershock) and Stephen Corbin (Fragments of Desire).

Don't-miss readings on Oct. 17 will be given by Terri (Margins) de la Pena at 1 p.m., the B.A.R.'s own Nancy (According to Her Contours)
Boutilier at 1:30 p.m. and the grand old (well, middle-aged) man himself, Armistead Maupin, at 3 p.m. The multitalented leather daddy John Preston and local boy Steven Saylor a.k.a. Aaron Travis (Roman Blood and the recently released Arms of Nemesis) will be participants in a 3:30 p.m. reading the same day. And on Oct. 18



Michael Nava

famed poet (and leather dad-dy) Thom Gunn and the much lauded as of late Dorothy Allison (Bastard Out of Carolina) will be reading at 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., respectively.

#### Other Attractions

In conjunction with the festival, A Different Light is sponsoring various events worth noting. On Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m., art critic and historian Allen Ellenzweig will discuss his new book on homoerotic images (see review this issue). On Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Bill Buckley's pal Marvin Liebman will read from and sign his memoir. Coming and sign his memoir, Coming



Elizabeth Pincus

Out Conservative. On Oct. 18 Out Conservative. On Oct. 18 at 1 p.m., editor/writerlessay-ist John Preston reads from and discusses his various works, and at 2:30 p.m., popular mystery writer Michael Nava reads from and signs his latest effort, The Hidden Law.

Editor's note: The third annual San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival takes place Oct. 17-18 at the Con-course Exhibition Center, Eighth and Brannan streets, from 10 are to 6 nm both from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days and is absolutely free. For more information on festival events call 861-BOOK. For events at A Different Light call 431-0891.

## Community Celebration

by Philip Campbell

he San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus joined with Voices: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble last week for two concerts at Herbst Theatre celebrating our sense of com-

munity.

The event was notable mostly for a return to simpler production values on the part of the chorus and a deeper feeling of primary purpose. The results were gratifying to those critics who wondered whether the organization was becoming too insular and self-congratulating.

congratulating.
Recognizing the importance of women, especially in light of their support and care-giving during the ongoing AIDS crisis, might appear inadequate at this point in history, but the sentiment was honest and the general tone of the evening positive and loving.

loving.

The musical values were, however, a little more un-even. Hearing the Gay Men's Chorus without props or fan-Chorus without props or fan-cy stage movement allowed us to enjoy the thrill of more than 125 carefully rehearsed voices with nothing more than piano accompaniment (the excellent Richard Rogers). The only drawback was a heightened awareness of Artistic Director Stan Hill's penchant for commonplace musical selections.

musical selections.

No one could deny the power of emotion apparent throughout the program or mistake the obvious pleasure of the participants. Still, even hard-core fans of the American musical must cringe at the banal "We Still Have Time" from the perfectly average. the bahai we Still Have Time" from the perfectly awful Jekyll and Hyde or the middlebrow "Anthem" from Chess. They may be relatively current, but there's a reason why Broadway is in a slump.

The inclusion of a song by Holly Near was a good idea, and "This We Know" — music by Ron Jeffers and gently proand This We Know — missiby Ron Jeffers and gently profound lyrics by no less than Chief Seattle — helped offset the saccharine "You Are the Light" from Metropolis and Naomi Judd's "Love Can Build a Bridge." Bobby McFerrin's "The 23rd Psalm" is fine but seemed vaguely out of context, and while the audience responded enthusiastically to "In the Miracle" by frequent contributor Gary Simmons, it put me in mind of Christian summer camp. In spite of the material, the chorus sounded in best form, so praise must be given Stan Hill in his equally important role as musical director. The pacing of the songs was sure,



The Gay Men's Chorus

and the contrast and harmony between sections clear and well-tuned. Among many terrific solo contributions, tenor The solo contributions, tenor Terry Duane was particularly memorable with a voice that almost made me believe in Naomi Judd's songwriting skills.

#### Comic Relief

Some needed comedy re-lief was provided by Nota Bene, another subgroup with-in the chorus directed by Steve Ng. Their rendition of "I Will Follow Him" in nun drag (but, thankfully, not Sis-ters of Perpetual Indulgence regalia) was capped by a leg-gy Tina Turneresque singer

in glorious gold lame.

The evening was a reminder of the old fun days with the chorus, before they increasingly turned to the slick sentimentality of "greeting card" muzak. The social slant of this most recent concert and the refreshing lack of pretension went a long way toward restoring the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus to their previous status as lo-cal heroes and national trea-

sure.

The other wonderful treat of the evening was the appearance of Melanie De-More's Voices: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble. This 17-voice group has participated in local events for five years now. DeMore came onboard in 1990, and it looks as though her two years have had an important impact. An excellent singer and perexcellent singer and per-former in her own right, she has drilled Voices into a satisfying and appealing bunch that can sail through some difficult part singing with the

best of them.
Where the gentlemen of the Gay Men's Chorus were

hampered by some of their repertory, Voices excelled in some offbeat, but mostly quality music. Their "A River of Birds" simply knocked me over, and "Big-Legged Woman," a paean to the full-figured gal, delighted the crowd. Before the concert began, plaques of appreciation were given by the chorus to Dr. Sandra Hernandez for her tireless efforts in the care-giving arts and to U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (who was in attendance and delivered a gracious speech) in recognition of her work for the gay community and support of the SFGMC.

It was that kind of night —

It was that kind of night — friends and neighbors salut-

friends and neighbors saluting their own community and bringing back happy memories of all the chorus concerts of the past. They may have lost the equivalent of their current membership to AIDS, but like the rest of us, this group presses on with courage and determination. There is strength in community, and that means gay men and women together.

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Film

'Women's POV' in 'Danzon'

### Fresh Vision

here is nothing dicier in these days of gen-der sensitivity than trying to speculate on the particular qualities that a

the particular qualities that a woman—as a woman might bring to an artwork. One risks at worst reducing creativity to biology and, even in praise, patronizing the artist. Maria Novaro's Danzon (like Allison Anders' Gas Food Lodging, which just closed its San Francisco run) nevertheless inspires consideration of what might comprise a "woman's point of view" in the cinema — or at least thoughts about the subtle but tangible shifts in emtle but tangible shifts in emphasis that women might bring to mainstream produc-

tions.
In a 1988 interview, experimental filmmaker Barbara Hammer outlined how the male gaze has operated vis-avis women: "The camera locates the woman as an object to be looked at, the lighting highlights her dowdiness or soft focuses her glory and her

beauty. The ordinary life of

beauty. The ordinary lite of the woman in the world, the person who is behind the scenes keeping the culture together ... isn't shown."

Danzon renders the "ordinary life" of a woman. The film operates within a fairly traditional narrative framework, but what delights about the film is the freshness of viwork, but what delights about the film is the freshness of vi-sion; we've seen this situa-tion and this type of woman before, but not from this per-spective.

#### Honored, Not Glamorized

Danzon is the story of a telephone operator named Julia (played by the charismatic Maria Rojo), whose one passion in life is the danzon, a romantic ballroom dance with a 100-year tradition in Mexico. When Carmelo (Daniel Rergis), Julia's dance partner of six years, suddenly disappears — he's been accused of a crime he didn't commit — dancing is no longer the same for her. She takes a leave from her job to track him down, and a lead to Veracruz (Continued on next page) Danzon is the story of a

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# Getting the Message Across

his past June Gov. Bill Clinton gave a speech in West Hollywood to a lesbian and gay au-

in West Hollywood to a lesbian and gay audience. While there was no doubt Clinton was courting the gay and lesbian vote, his speech moved easily between personal and political topics. Clinton praised the "courage, commitment and service" of the lesbian and gay community in the face of AIDS. He spoke of his commitment to the civil rights of every American, including every American, including lesbians and gay men. He pledged to overturn the ban against homosexuals in the against homosexuals in the military (a pledge he recently repeated on Arsenio Hall's talk show) and to fight the fundamentalist backlash of hate crimes across the coun-

hate crimes across the country.

Shortly after Clinton's speech, a group of Bay Area gay and lesbian Democrats participated in "Link Up America," a gathering of Clinton supporters that featured Hubert Humphrey III, the attorney general of Minnesota, as a guest speaker. A video of the Clinton speech was screened to the group, and afterward, Humphrey com-

mented that if this video could be presented to gay and lesbian voters across the country, there would be no question about which presidential candidate they should support in November.

Peter Fowler, a San Francisco entertainment lawyer, agreed. With the financial support of gay and lesbian leaders (many from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force) and the talent donated by a group of Bay Area video artists (including Tongues Untied's Marlon Riggs), Fowler formed the Lavender Message Project to popularize Clinton's support for gay and lesbian issues.

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lesbian issues.

In early August the project decided to make a video featuring excerpts from Clinton's West Hollywood speech interspersed with the comments of young lesbian and gay voters who support Clinton's candidacy. By Sept. 2 the Lavender Message Project had produced Out for the Count, a 15-minute video aimed at 18-25-year-old lesbian and gay voters.

#### Considerable Success

Although the video has

only been available for a month, Fowler reports consid-erable success. With the help of the NGLTF's list of camof the NGLTF's list of campus and community organizations for young lesbians and gay men, Out for the Count has been distributed free of charge to groups across the country. The project focused on organizations located in areas of the country less likely to be affected by the strong Clinton support evident in urban gay and lesbian communities. Judging from the letters received from these organizations, the LMP is reaching its audience.

Fowler emphasizes that the Lavender Message Project has no affiliation with either the Clinton campaign or the

has no affiliation with either the Clinton campaign or the Democratic Party, although it is clearly supportive of both. Since federal election laws carefully monitor the contri-butions to each campaign, the project (which is duly regis-tered with the Federal Elec-tion Compission) found it tered with the Federal Elec-tion Commission) found it much simpler to proceed in-dependently. It depends upon a network of supporters to fund its work. The video, which under normal circum-stances would cost approxi-



Bill Clinton, gay video star

mately \$35,000, was produced for roughly \$13,000 because much of the necessary talent

much of the necessary talent was donated.
Copies of Out for the Count are available from the Lavender Message Project, 44 Montgomery St., Ste. 4100, San Francisco, CA 94104. The video is free, and the

LMP has relinquished the usual copyright restrictions, permitting the video to be du-plicated by anyone who wish-es to use or distribute it. Contributions to support production of the video should be made out to the LMP and sent to the same address as above.

### Vision

yields adventures, amorous and otherwise. Novaro's camera honors

Julia but does not glamorize her. The film concentrates on "small" moments in her life that reveal character. Its pace is meandering by Hollywood standards, but *Danzon* pays off with understated intelligence.

A series of interlocking

A series of interlocking A series of interlocking paradoxes powers the film. Julia seeks Carmelo, but finds herself. She is befriended by a gay drag performer, Susy (Tito Vasconcelos), a man ob-(Tito Vasconcelos), a man obsessed with the trappings of femininity. He turns out to be the nicest "man" she meets, although, of course, he's not up to the traditional role. In a cannily staged scene, Julia attempts to teach Susy the danzon, but the lesson breaks down when he refuses to lead.

breaks down when he refuses to lead.

"Teach me the woman's part," he pleads. "Hold me like Carmelo held you!"

Susy clings to a romantic, movie-based conception of femininity, but rather than "correct" her, Novaro empraces Susy's illusions. Without demeaning the character, the director employs Susy as



Tito Vasconcelos as Susy

both a metaphor for the hollow rigidity of contemporary gender roles and a standard bearer for diversity. It is a tribute to Novaro's light touch that her observations resonate without impeding her drama.

#### **Artifice and Reality**

Artifice and Reality

The interplay of artifice and reality is a central concern of Danzon. A number of scenes begin with paintings, sculptures, or models of the settings to follow. "Illusion" precedes "reality" (even as the former draws upon the latter), and the danzon, where "looks should be felt, vaguely guessed," both re-creates and energizes the rhythms of life and love.

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"Don't look at my eyes, look off into the distance," Julia instructs Susy at the beginning of their aborted dance lesson. Only after time does truth reveal itself, so that "once your eyes meet, everything becomes clear."

A love affair with Ruben (Victor Vasconcelos), who works on a tugboat, is Julia's foray into traditional romance. Their time together is pleasurable, but the relationship lacks substance. When she impulsively leaves a message for Susy, not Ruben, an implicit valuing of friendship over the "need for a man."

Julia's trip to Veracruz is her "look off into the distance." When she returns home, "everything becomes clear" — about her life, the danzon and the true makings of romance.

A quiet interchange on

of romance.

A quiet interchange on A quiet interchange on the dance floor is the "climax" to Danzon. Moviegoers trained to respond to more emphatic cinema may be disappointed, but for those willing to surrender to Novaro's singular way of seeing, Danzon will more than suffice.

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#### Pool

## Sizing Up the 9-Ball Field

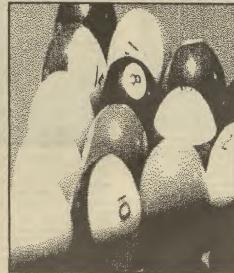
Two final qualifying contests held last week sent four very heid last week sent four very big sticks into this Saturday's (Oct. 17) 12th Annual SFPA 9-Ball Championship at the Cinch. All four players hail from Q Club teams, and all are very experienced in the finer nuances of advanced 9-ball

play. Jun Valiao and Michael Singsen, teammates on the Division IV-leading Q Club, qualified last Thursday night, qualitied last I hursday night,
Oct. 8. Valiao finished third in
last year's contest, and both
players boast high U.S.P.P.A.
9-ball ratings.
Jack Dunbar and Bernard

Bayaca triumphed in last Sat-urday's contest, the last of eight that determined the 16 finalists. Dunbar is a league veteran and also a member of the aforementioned Q Club team, whose competitive focus has shifted to 9-ball. Bayaca is currently the league's No. 1rated player at 24-2 and a member of the league-leading Q Club Geezers. He finished third in the 1990 championship contest.

Several other finalists can be Several other finalists can be considered early favorites. Cinchpenders' Lisa Duncan is currently the league's No. 2-rated individual and has twice made the final four in previous years. Wally Sutherland won the first championship in 1981 and finished fourth in '82 and '91. Rick Bradford has also been competing in U.S.P.P.A. events and was a Gay Games II gold medalist in 9-ball.

All of the finalists should take pride in having survived the qualifying rounds as they prepare to take their shot at



glory this Saturday. They include Laura Phillips (ranked No. 130), Ozzie Santiago (No. 59), John Hou (No. 82), Mark Sharpe (No. 25), Danny Keoni (No. 18), Dennis Healy (No. 67), Rigo Lopez (No. 69), Bernie King (No. 10) and Orlando Cruise (No. 29).

Conspicuous by her absence will be two-time former cham-pion Lauren Ward, who will be joined next weekend by Toni Macante and Mele DeVictoria as competitive in the fourth stop of the California Ladies 9-Ball Tour at Rebco Billiards in Clovis.

**Divisional Races Heat Up** 

The league's leading teams are bracing themselves for the onslaught of the next three weeks' interdivisional clashes featuring matches between equally ranked teams. This week features a bragging rights match between both Transfer teams, current leaders in Divisions I and II.

ers in Divisions I and II.

Their situation will be mirrored at Q Club, where Division III's Geezers clash with Division IV's Q Club in what may be a preview of the city championship final.

Dial JOE-POOL for SFPA information.

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#### Sports Calendar

Peninsula Area Games Association (PAGA)

Organizational meeting Sat., Oct. 17, 4pm. The Savoy, 3546 Flora Vista, Santa Clara. (408) 279-0974.

Saga North Ski Club
Sign up for out-of-state
trips this winter to Aspen
Gay Ski Week, Jackson
Hole, and Park City.
Monthly trips to Tahoe's
Kirkwood, Squaw Valley,
Alpine and Northstar. Call
Scott at 931-8842 or
Voicemail at 995-2772.

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Gay Tennis Federation
Sat-Sun., Oct. 17-18: GTF
B & C Doubles Tournament
at Cubberly High School in
Pallo Alto. Members only.
Call tournament directors
Tim Toole at (408) 2944599 or Greg Ciurczak at
(408) 424-1127. Sat.Mon., Nov. 7-9: HoustonTex Open, sponsored by
Houston Tennis Club. Men's
and women's divisions.
Dead-line for entry is Fri.,
Oct. 23. Call Joe Starr at
(713) 522-2619 or Dehma
Cardona at (713) 4961953. General membership
meeting and social Mon.,
Oct. 19, 7:30 pm, at
Community Rentals, 470
Castro at 18th Street.
Officer elections to be held.
Call Abi at 333-9618 or
Carlos at 626-7519.

Gay Softball League

Gay Softball League Anyone interested in playing this winter call Linda at 621-0757 or Eugene at 285-9507.

HiMA: Homosexuals in the Martial Arts All styles and ranks welcome. Write to HiMA at P.O. Box 590601, S.F., CA 94159.

Out to Tri Gay & Lesbian Triathlon Club Call Kris Nergaard at 648-8778 or Barbara Maher at 664-0734 or Voicemail at 330-8740.

Birds of a Feather Badminton Call Merri or Susan at (510) 528-4702.

Table Tennis Anyone?
TSF board member Allen
Balderson is looking for
people interested in playing
table tennis and forming a
Team San Francisco Table
Tennis Association. A
location has been set aside
to practice. If you are
interested, or have any
ideas on where to purchase
a ping pong table, call Allen
at 626-1787.

Team San Francisco
Commitees
Get involved and earn TSF
points! Events: 282-9825.
(Meets the 2nd Thurs. of
each month at 7:30pm.)
Membership: 282-0717.
Merchandise: 648-4931.
Fundraising: 626-1787 or
648-4931. Next fundraising meeting Mon., Oct.
19, 7pm, at 63 Whitney
Street in SF. Call to
confirm. Publicity: 6261787. Travel & Housing:
282-0717 or 621-2213.

Tsunami Masters
Swim Club
Workout every Sun., 10amnoon; Tues., 7:35-9pm; and
Thurs., 6:30-8pm, at
Hamilton Pool on Geary and
Steiner streets in SF. Call
Marta at 467-4705.

Bay Area Boxing Club
Sat., Nov. 7: Gay & lesbian
boxing tournament. Entry
closes Thurs., Oct. 15. Bay
Area Boxing is a fully
sanctioned USABF (United
States Amateur Boxing
Federation) club. Workout
every Thurs. at 8pm. Open
to all gay men and lesbians
who want to learn the art
of boxing. All skill levels are
welcome. Call Greg Varney
at 255-7361.

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#### Football



Photo: Rick Gerharter

## Rebels Routed

Week five of the San Fransco Women's Flag Football eague saw very foggy

cisco Women's Flag Football League saw very foggy weather at the Polo Fields. In the first game, the Sis-tahs defeated the Untouch-ables, 19-7. Jennie scored a touchdown and Jewels inter-cepted for the Untouchables, but they couldn't come back against the tough Sistahs' de-fense.

Game two was a hard-fought, low-scoring battle be-tween undefeated Fear This and the Avengers. Fear This scored early and eventually held off the Avengers, 13-6, despite quarterback Lisa's touchdown toes to Linda touchdown toss to Linda.

In the final game of the y, We Came to Play day, We Came to Play showed their championship form once again, routing the Rebels, 25-6. The Rebels' only score was on Sally's 30-yard touchdown run. We Came to Play's offense, led by quarter-back Mo, was simply unstop-pable.

Next week's games are at the Polo Fields, beginning at 9:15 a.m. ▼



### **Sports** Calendar

San Francisco

FrontRunners
Fun Runs at Stow Lake
Boat House in Golden Gate
Park, every Sat., 9am. Nohost brunch follows. Call
Mike at 206-9312.

San Francisco Track & Field Practice every Tues. and Thurs., 6pm, and Sun., 10:30am, at Kezar Stadium on Waller & Stanyan streets in SF. Call Rick at 550-7966.

Bay Area Distance Runners Sun., Oct. 18: R-We-There run, an 18- and 13-mile run. Mon., Oct. 26: Dublin Marathon in Dublin, Ireland. Call Dave Studach at 626-1380 or Lois Allen at 586-6013. ,

San Francisco Wrestling Club Practice every Sun., 3-5pm. Call Jim Frazier at (510) 538-8490.

B.I.C.E.P.S. Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physiques Open to men and women. Call the voicemail at 267-1864 or Steve at 282-9400.

San Francisco Trojans

Football
Two games every Sat.,
11am and 1pm, at Silver
Terrace near Silver and
Bayshore in SF. All skill
levels are welcome. Call
Gary Thompson at 3448873.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club
Practice every Tues. and
Fri., 7pm, at Eureka Valley
Rec Center, 100
Collingwood. All skill levels
of men and women are
welcome. Call Gene
Dermody at 821-2991. For
the latest in wrestling
news, call the Bay Area
Wrestling Newsline at 2275802, a joint project of the
Bay Area Wrestling
Association and Golden
Gate Wrestling Club.

Women's Business Bowling League Starts this month. Call Ann at 641-5795.

Different Spokes
Bicycle Club
Every Sun.: Decide-n-Ride.
Open to all. Meet at 10am
at McLaren Lodge in Golden
Gate Park in SF. Every
Tues.: Strenuous Training
Ride. Leaves McLaren
Lodge at 5:30pm. Call
Derek at (510) 339-2345.

Men's Basketball Practice every Sun., 5-8pm, at Eureka Valley, 100 Collingwood. Call Tony Jasinski at 621-2710.

San Francisco Slammers Basketball Practice every Wed., 7 pm, at Hamilton Recreation Center on Geary & Steiner streets. Call Susan Kennedy at 648-4931.

Practice every Tues., 5:30-8pm, at Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. Games are on Sat. Call Carlo Togni at 821-4248.

Bay Area Racquetball Club Mixed league every Sat., starting Sat., Oct. 23, 10am, at Schoeber's Athletic Club in South San Francisco. All skill levels are welcome. Call Wref Fulton at 285-6909 or Len Adams at 467-5569.

Arcadia Bodybuilding

Society
Call the voicemail at 9789495 or write ABS, 1230
Market Street, S.F., CA
94114.

Castro Volleyball
Practice every Sun., 8pm, at Eureka Valley, 100 at Eureka Collingwood. Call Travers at 255-1332

Club Volleyball
Practice for "B" league players and up every Sat. except first Sat. of each month, 9:30-11:30am, at Eureka Valley, 100 Collingwood. Team and individual advanced players practice every Mon., 6:45pm, at Glen Park Gymnasium. Call Mike Bulawit at 731-2056.

Tavern Guild Bowling League Call Mal Garcia at 752-2366.



## **Robert Caviano** Dies At 42



Robert C. Caviano, a music business veteran and founder of LIFEbeat, the music industry's leading AIDS relief organization, died Tuesday, September 22, from AIDS-related complications at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan. He was 42 years old.

Mannatan old.

A lifelong New Yorker, Caviano was a leading light in the world of pop and dance music for two decades. He managed the careers of

recording artists such as Grace Jones, Gwen Guthrie, the Village People, and KC & the Sunshine Band. He later worked as a talent agent for ATI, ICM, APA, and Famous Artists. Artists.

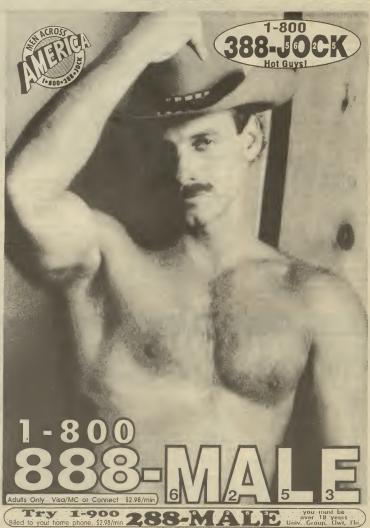
Artists.

Caviano was especially proud of his work raising funds and public awareness for AIDS-related issues during the '80s. His promotional efforts and organizational skills helped raise more than \$1 million for such community-based AIDS organizations as the Gay Men's Health Crisis and Bailey House.

In November 1990, Caviano was diagnosed with AIDS. In a commentary in the December 14, 1991 issue of Billboard, he called for the formation of an entertainment industry organization that

formation of an entertainment industry organization that would offer direct assistance to those within its ranks struggling with HIV and AIDS, with special attention to the plight of women and people of color. Caviano called the new organization LIFEbeat, and in 1992 the group promoted a highly successful benefit concert at New York's Roseland featuring York's Roseland featuring the Pet Shop Boys.

Caviano is survived by his father, Frank; brothers Raymond, Louis and Richard and sister Maria Berk; and all of New York. Contributions may be sent to LIFEbeat, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019. ▼



## Jack It and Tie

by Tom Bacchus

ow many times have plot and humor failed miserably in porn tapes?
Too often to mention. But in It Happened One Day, the plot, thanks to writer/director

It Happened One Day, the plot, thanks to writer/director Jon Boy (by no means a Walton), is an amusing spin around a birthday gift that comes across as a witty, low-budget queer tale with sex. Fucking isn't the main event here; an offbeat sense of fun about the magic of synchronicity is. Plot events are often preceded by "as I remember it" recollections said directly to the camera.

Kris Dominoe wants to get a crystal dolphin for his boyfriend Dexter. But since they're inseparable, he enlists his bud Tyke to get the gift for him. But Tyke, playing "Vick the Dick, slave to his prick," stops off at Andy Geord's for a quickie. Enshrouded in a virtual reality jungle (actually a lot of plants and moody lighting), the two waste no time when Andy says, "Cut the small talk. Get over here and fuck me." He does, and they suck too, on the sofa. Andy's skinny and Tyke's got a bit of a gut, but they make a pleasant hump of it.

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Meanwhile, Kris is panicking about his gift. Tyke rushes to dress, then pissed-off Andy tosses the gift in the air. Tyke hurries to catch it, skidding on the floor like a cartoon — sight gags in porn, believe it or not.

Tyke's car breaks down, so Kris sends a messenger, who of course gets waylaid himself at his next stop, the studio of swarthy French artiste Dsemel Dixie. The randy painter asks to shoot a few Polaroids, and things get more photogenic from there on. The dark-skinned Frenchman gets his lengthy tool sucked, then plows the pale, creamy ass of the baby-faced messenger.

But accidents keep happening, and the painter knocks the gift out a window, where

ing, and the painter knocks the gift out a window, where it falls into the hands of Capt. Kirk (played with wit by club kid Tommy Kat), who's just been beamed down to Folbeen beamed down to Folsom Street. Kirk continues on his way, the messenger sends the wrong package, and, well, meanwhile, the oblivious recipient of the gift, Dexter, is cheating on his lover with a willowy blond kid on a futon. They smooch, strip, suck and schtup. Dexter's bobbing ass is quite a sight itself as he rams his dong into the twinkie.

Back home, Kris is mani-

Back home, Kris is mani-cally making final arrange-ments for his beau's B-day dinner. Kirk finds the ad-dress, delivers the gift, and gets beamed back up. Cheat-ing hubby comes home to his relieved lover, who holds a lit-up birthday cake. They celneup birthday cake. They celebrate with some finger-dipping in the icing and sweet smooching, then strip, suck a bit and, finally, the birthday boy gets the real present, his lover's cock, shoved up his butt. He spews again, admirably.

mirably.

Editing and lighting are jumpy and inconsistent in this tape, but the idea of such a plot-thick romp in a fuck flick

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is an amusing and audacious

It Happened One Day Out Productions

#### More Odd Wit

Jon Boy's second tape, Haight and Ashbury, continues a story line set up in producer Bill Hunter's previous tape, Hollywood and Vine. Kevin Grant, fresh from LA, hops into the post-hippie

scene and encounters a few rave dudes instead. The same odd wit attempted in It Hapout wit attempted in It Hap-pened One Day is better ful-filled in this film within a film, an amusing twist on the usual "we're making a porno tape" story.

Bleached blond Kevin Marsh walks Haight and Ashbury, you know, where the Gap is. He visits baby-faced

punk boy Valor in his well-appunk boy Valor in his well-ap-pointed flat (dig the diamond-painted floor pattern). "I came to fuck you," Kevin bluntly states, and he does, but not before some slurpy sucking and 69. Kevin slams his ad-mirable, prong into the and 69. Kevin slams his admirable prong into the creamy, pale ass of this pretty boy punk (the messenger in It Happened One Day) doggie style. Then, legs akimbo, pud boy takes it missionary and unleashes quite a gusher.

A pseudo-intellectual parody conversation follows, where director Jon Boy and Todd Baker compare Fou-Todd Baker compare Fou-cault to pornography, calling fuck flicks "a serious cultural indicator" of our times. Be that as it may, another guest, an actor, Kris Dominoe, play-ing the director, says, "Yes, we are porno, but yes, we are humanity." They all leave their hosts Dsemel Dixie and Andy to themselves. The two Andy to themselves. The two pull out the futon and, as George Bush said of the de-bates while unintentionally quoting Marvin Gaye, "Let's get it on.'

They do. Dixie resembles an Arab cousin of actor John Turturro and proceeds to let his beau slurp his proud prong before slamming it home. These two fuck in four

positions, changing energetically in virtually one take. Dixie's subsequent spew is most admirable.

Wacky director Dominoe then lectures two prospective porn dudes in a faux office, ranting about the integrity of "the pornographic cinema," a babble which culminates in him dancing atop his desk to Sylvester's "Mighty Real." He lets the two boys do it on the desk, and they seem eager to try just about every conceivable position — on the chair, off the table, etc. Kevin considerately jacks Roberto's dick while fucking him, and they then ejaculate adequately. Wacky director Dominoe

But mad-dog Dominoe in the finished. He coaches two new recruits, lanky, flannel shirt-cutoff blond Austin Raver and leather-clad, tattooed, goateed Marcus La Croix, in a scene atop a ladder. Dominoe wants buttpounding par excellence, and he gets it, as soon as he leaves the boys to themselves. La Croix is assuredly the hottest dude in the video, and his cock is a fabulous thing, accessorized by a silver cock ring. He leaves his leather pants on (a tasty visual kink) while fucking blondie, who leaves his boots on. It's so nice to see tapes that realize the visual fun of costumes.

The two fuck a good while, and Austin stays hard the whole time, coming while La Croix bangs in some short, sharp shocks. La Croix's gluey spew looks delectable, and his bison skull belt buckle makes a lasting fashion statement.

True, this tape's low budget impedes its success, and the audio is messy, but the

Andy's skinny and Tyke's got a bit of a gut, but they make a pleasant hump of it.

idea of accomplishing such silliness between fucks is something this reviewer would like to see more of.  $\blacktriangledown$ 

Haight and Ashbury
Out Productions

#### Danoe

## Club Queue

by David Taylor-Wilson

he San Francisco dance club scene has finally emerged as an exciting entity in the city. AIDS and the creative producers that it claimed dur-ing the late '70s and early '80s had left the dance scene bereft. Dance club choices were slim, and after-hour gatherings were practically

non-existent.

With the '90s came a fresh infusion of talent along with a new generation of clubbers. Nobody likes to stand in line outside a club waiting to pay the cover, all the while hearing your favorite songs being played (doesn't that always happen), but it is refreshing to drive by club after club and drive by club after club and see so many people queued



Dekadence dancers (Photo: Rick Gerharter

Here's a look at what's happening around town.
Congratulations to Mauricio and the entire staff of Bahia on their recent first an-Bahia on their recent first anniversary. The concept behind Bahia, interweaving Latin rhythms with the current palette of popular dance singles to create a crossover melting pot of dance abandonment, was long overdue. Adelante! (Bahia, 1600 Market St. at Franklin, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5)

Adieu to Colossus, for years the premiere dance club in the city. Under the direc-tion of Gus Bean and the Gus Presents production team,

this club and many of its offthis club and many of its off-shoots soared to unbelievably successful heights. Watch for its rebirth with the help of Ggreg Taylor.

#### **Exciting Trio**

An exciting trio of new clubs just opened and deserve attention. All three are locat-ed at 375 First Street (at Har-rison, the foot of the Bay

rison, the foot of the Bay Bridge).

Torpedo happens every Saturday from 10 p.m.-4 a.m., with music supplied by Sam LaBelle and Chris Jordan. Firmly on the techno-industrial side of the music spectrum,

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# es: They Made the Movies Sing at the Castro Theatre (see Sat.)

#### FRIDAY 16

2 Samuel 11, Etc. & Jack
Two plays by David
Greenspan in repertory.
Samuel juxtaposes a retelling of the Biblical tale with
homo jerk-off fantasies. Jack
zeroes in on the small life of a
person dead from AIDS. \$812. 8:30pm. Noh Space,
2840 Mariposa. 621-0507.

Bent Martin Sherman's drama about gays in Nazi Germany. \$11-17. 8pm, Wed-Sun, thru 10/25 (Sat. mat. 5pm, Sun. 3pm). Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

A Late Snow
Jane Chambers' new play
puts five women snowed in
at a remote cabin. \$10. ThurSat, 8pm; Sun, 7pm. Thru
10/30. Five Corner's
Theatre, Western & English,
Petaluma. (707) 545-9806.

Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean San Jose Stage Company revives Ed Graczyk's wistful comedy about the reunion of a small-town James Dean Fan Club, and the unusual

Parisienne. \$12-50. 8pm. Thru 10/18. Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd., San Jose. (408) 288-2800.

A Star Is Born
Judy Garland and James
Mason emote all over the
place in this restored version
with added footage. \$5.
7:30pm. Paramount Theatre,
2025 Broadway, Oakland.
(510) 893-2300 or (510)
465-6400.

Via Appia
Jochen Hick's pensive, very
German film about a man
who returns to Rio de Janeiro
to find the hustler whom he
thinks gave him HIV. Strand
Theatre, 1127 Market at 8th
St. Call for times. 621-2227.

#### SATURDAY 17

B-52s Violent Femmes Good stuff roams from the love shack to Planet Claire when these private Idahos dance this mess around. Cindy Wilson's taken a break, but as a trio they still make great sounds. The Femmes deliver angsty rock and twang "like a blister in the sun." \$23.50-19,50. 9pm. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Park way, Mountain View. (510) 762-BASS. Also Sun. 7:30 at Concord Pavilllon, 2000 Kirker Pass, Concord. \$25-20.50. (510) 671-3100, (510) 762-BASS.



"changes" they go through \$11-17. 8pm. The Stage, 490 South 1st St. (at William St.), downtown San Jose. (408) 283-7142.

The Lisbon Traviata
Operatic obsession turns
vengefully tragic in Terrence
McNally's play of romantic
betrayal and vicious wit
between gay men. \$12. ThuSat, 8:30pm; Sun, 7pm.
Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926
16th St. 861-5079.

Voices: They Made the Movies Sing They Made the Movies Sing The real women who sang for lip-synching film stars Joan Crawford, Ava Gardner, Kim Novak and others sing movie tunes live, with some film clips as well. \$10. 7:15, 9:30pm. Also Sat. Castro Theatre, Castro & Market. 621-6120.

San Jose Cleveland Ballet
The acclaimed dance
company performs Some
Times, Apollo, Gaite

10/30. Josie's, 16th St. & Market. 861-7933.

Millions of Dead Cops & Tribe 8

The Radical Records band performs songs like "Hey Cop, If I Had a Face Like Yours!" while the revolution dyke thrash band spits out "Dyke in the Pit," "Pig Bitch" and other tunes. \$5. 11pm. Klubstitute/ the 11th Hour, 1484 Market & Van Ness.

Media Deployment & ManuFracturing in Buffalo Collaborative activist videos critiquing the media's coverage of women's rights, as well as the Catholic Church's \$5 million campaign to outlaw abortion. \$5. 8pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission. 558-8129.

Pansy Division Queer tunes, with Sister Psychic and Tiny Pie. 11pm The Chameleon, 853

Gay Comedy Night Fairy funnies. \$8. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 16th St. & Market. 861-7933.

Market. 861-7933.

Suite: Sisters' Pictures
A women's video collection,
featuring Noel Burch's The
Novitiate (lesbianism,
voyeurism in a women's
karate school); Stigmata: The
Transfigured Body, an
interview with tattooed,
pierced Kathy Acker; Naked
Soul, about sex workers;
Nao Bustamante's gig on
Joan Rivers; and Annie
Sprinkle & Maria Beatty's
Sluts and God-desses. \$5.
8:30pm. ATA Gallery, 992
Valencia. 824-3890.

Big Fag of the 18th Century A slide lecture by Bradley Rose about Johann Joachim Winckelmann, a gay archae-ologist and tour guide of the 1700s. Proceeds benefit the Nomenus Radical Faerie Sanctuary. \$5-10. 8pm. Bound Together Bookstore, 1369 Haight.

LGADDA Lesbians & Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action hosts a discussion about the elections. 7pm. All Saint's Church, 1350 Waller. 826-2968.

### SUNDAY 18

Visions of Murderous Desire Michael Powell's Peeping Tom portrays a psycho killer who films his female victims. This sounds like the usual misogynist crap posing as art, but the second film, Birgit & Wilhelm Hein's Kali-Birgit & Wilhelm Hein's Kali-Filme, gorily explores how female sexuality is mis-represented in often exploi-tative dyke-ful imagery, with clips from slasher and "women-in-prison" films — not for the squeamish \$5. 8pm. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut. 558-8129.

Doug Holsclaw & Jonathan Katz At a meeting of the G40plus Club, Katz discusses the queer academic scene, while Holsclaw talks about Theatre Rhino's season and SF theatre doings. 2-4pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

Genders Anonymous
200 images of 100 men and
women and their genitals.
Mix and match erotic art. \$3.
Sundays, noon to 6pm, thru
11/1. Ram Studios, 3160
16th St. (btwn. Guerrero &
Valencia), above Paula's
Clubhouse. 804-1120.

Gay & Lesbian Hortiphiles Garden party with a potluck dinner. Noon. 851-1022.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans
A brunch with the women's contingent, 11am-1pm, followed by an optional hike. Call for loc. 626-1478.

#### **MONDAY 19**

Alumni Performance Party
Spalding Gray, David Cale,
Anne Galjour, Holly Hughes,
Rhodessa Jones, Rosalie
Sorrels and others perform in
a benefit for the Solo Mio

Pages will be turning at The San Francisco Book Festival, a two-day Pages will be turning at The San Francisco Book Festival, a two-day free event to promote literary stuff, with publishers, authors, cooking demos, literary rap contests, and general fun. Queer panels include "Exploring the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Experience," with Alison Bechdel, Marvin Liebman, Lani Kaahumanu and others, as well as readings by Armistead Maupin, John Preston and Steven Saylor, plus Michael Nava hosts a panel on gay mysteries. Sunday's panel, "Expanding the Boundaries of Lesbian & Gay Fiction," includes Katherine V. Forrest, Stephen Corbin, Elizabeth Pincus and others, with later readings by Thom Gunn and Dorothy Allison. Call for schedules and locations. Free. Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 17-18, 10am-6pm. Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th St. & Brannan. 861-BOOK.

In tandem with the Book Festival, A Different Light will host Outspoken, a free special reading series on Sunday, Oct. 18. Curated by Michele Karlsberg, the readings, 4:30-6pm and 6:30-8pm, include Jean Stewart, Robert Westley, Anna Livia, Sharon Gilligan, Stephen Corbin, Thom Bean, Nisa Donnelly and others. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 4:31-0891 Castro. 431-0891.

To finish off the festival, The Booklover's Ball will feature the music of E.C. Scott & Smoke. \$15 adv., \$20 door. Saturday, Oct. 17, 9:30pm 1:30am. The SF Shopping Center, 5th St. & Market. 861-BOOK or (510) 762-BASS.

**Eileen Myles**, poet, playwright and the country's only lesbian performance artist presidential candidate (she writes her own speeches, thank you!) discusses how her writing merges with her activism. \$4. Friday, Oct. 16, 8pm. Small Press Distribution Bookstore, 1816 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-3077.

The First African American Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transexual Conference is a full three days of panels, discussions and presentations, plus a Sunday gathering in Golden Gate Park. \$10-28. Friday, Oct. 16, thru Sunday, Oct. 18. Many events will be at Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, 150 Eureka. A clean and sober dance benefit will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, 8pm midnight, at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St. at Valencia. \$10. 648-3658

Drag once again helps those in need at the Miss Nob Hill Beauty Pageant,a benefit for Coming Home Hospice. Sunday, Oct. 18. Cocktails at 8:30pm. The contest begins at 10pm and is \$15 per person. Sister Roma and Matthew Martin are just two of the fabulous guest judges. This profusion of glamorama transpires at Pearl's Jam House, 601 Eddy at Larkin. All proceeds go directly to the hospice, unlike a certain other recent fashion show that paid its models. Tix avail. at Off Your Dot, 2241 Market. Call 431-9818. Work the catwalk or steal ideas for your own drag persona.







Mark Wagner's Twins of the Abyss (see Thu.)

Festival. \$25-50. 8-11pm. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell at Polk. 885-0750.

Gay Comedy Open Mike Emcee Karen Ripley. Aspiring comics sign up by phone by 7pm. \$10. 8pm. Josie's, 16th St. & Market. 861-7933.



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A Chorus Line
The one singular sensation is back on the first leg of its latest tour. Plenty of legs'll be kicking high onstage. Tue-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 2 & 8pm; Sun, 3 & 7pm. Golden Gate Theater, 1 Taylor St. at Market. (510) 762-BASS.

Secession Gallery
Scarlot Harlot hosts six
performances about pool and
its thematic iconography,
with Johnny D, Marilyn
Hudson & Judith Blankman,
David E. Johnston, Lex
Lonehood and others. \$7.
8pm. South Beach Billiards,
270 Brannan. 641-4967.

Juiced
Neil Gudsell, New Zealand's
only openly gay Maori
performer, appears in a solo
show about Mika, his drag
persona. \$10. 10pm. Tue.
only, thru 10/27. Josie's,
16th St. at Market. 8617933.

Luka Bloom Handsome Irish pop-folk-rock singer crooms tunes. Also performing is the Bedlam Rovers. \$15. 8pm. Also 10/21. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell. 885-0750.

Allison Bechdel
A Dyke to Watch Out For
The popular cartoonist will
show slides of her work and
sign copies of her new
calendar. \$4-8 donation.
7:30pm. Modern Times
Bookstore, 888 Valencia at
21st St. 282-9246.

Are You Girls
Traveling Alone?
Marilyn Murphy reads from
her book on her traveling
adventures in lesbian logic.
\$3-10. 8pm. Old Wives' Tales
Bookstore, 1009 Valencia at
21st St. 821-4675.

Portrait of Jason
A short film about a black
gay prostitute dreaming of a
nightclub act — part of the
Shirley Clarke retrospective.
\$5.50. 9pm. Pacific Film
Archive, 2625 Durant Ave.,
Berkeley. 642-1412.

Celebration of Life
Readings, music and ritual to
honor those lost to AIDS.
Free. 7:30-9pm. Bothin
Auditorium, Cal. Pacific Med.
Center, 3700 California. 9233660.

Tuesday Night at the Acorn Sumptuous dinners, with a third of the tab benefiting AIDS organizations — this night for Kairos Support for Care Givers. The Acorn, 1256 Folsom. 863-2469.

Erotic Reading Circle
A free, women-only sharing
of new, unpublished or
favorite erotica. 8-10pm.

Good Vibrations, Valencia. 550-7399.

Camping at Fife's for People with AIDS/HIV Pitch tents at the Russian River and roast weenies and marshmallows. Free! To register, car pool, volunteer or loan equipment, call Shanti Project: 777-2273.

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Images of AIDS
Photographer and opthalmologist Robert Neger's
portraits of his patients at
Moby Dick, 4049 18th St.
(near Castro).

### WEDNESDAY 21

Indecent Materials
A theatre piece using the words of two outspoken opponents: pig bigot Jesse Helms and radical saint Larry Kramer. \$12-10. 8pm. Thru 11/1. Josie's, 16th St. & Market. 861-7933.

Queer Video Fest Informal evening of new, old and fave home-made videos with homo and dyke themes. §.99. Every Thu, 6-9pm. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. at Valencia. To submit tapes, call 864-5453.

**THURSDAY 22** 

King Jr. High School, 1781 Rose, Berkeley. (510) 548-0542.

Gilbert & George:
Postcard Sculptures
Gridded pictures that create kaleidoscopic patterns in this huge collage by the two British queers who "work as one artist." Thru 11/28. Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary. 981-2661.

AIDS and Art Artwork expressing aspects of the HIV pandemic, with reception and string quartet. Free. 4:30-7pm. Pacific Professional Bldg., 2100

Q Force in the 21st Century (s

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Three queer astronauts form
an outer space love nest in
this '50s sci-fi spoof, \$5.
Reception 7pm, screening
8pm. Delancey St. Screening
Room, 600 Embarcadero
(Pier 36). Tix avail. at Buffalo
Whole Foods, 598 Castro.
626-7038.

Malibu Barbie
Rockin' tunes from a band of
dolls not at all as stiff as their
namesake. \$4. 11-ish. DJs
Downtown Donna & Darcey.
Faster Pussycat at the
Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. at
Valencia. 561-9771.

Margaret Cruikshank: A Lesbian View of the Gay Movement The author discusses issues related to sexual & political movements. 7pm. Eureka Valley-Harvey Milk Library Branch, 3555 16th St. at Market. 554-9445.

Alexander Cockburn & Eva Jefferson Paterson Columnist and author Cockburn and civil rights attorney Paterson discuss national and local election issues, including the effect on queers. \$10, \$25 recep-tion. 7:30pm. Martin

Webster, California Pacific Med. Center. 923-3155.

Jason Gaillard Portraits and representational paintings of models, actors and artists. Thru 11/2. John Pence Gallery, 750 Post. Call for times. 441-1138.

Mark Wagner: Paintings Richly colored, Bacon-esque portraits and cons. Thru 11/29. Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore. 921-8383.

Pogo Golden Anniversary
The comic world's most PC
possum is 50, and this terrific
exhibit of Walt Kelly's art
showcases the social issues
in his strips. \$3. Thru 1/3/93.
Cartoon Art Museum, 3rd St.
& Townsend. 546-9481.



From Love & Relationship, Addiction to Intimacy SF Community College's free 8-week class in developing intimacy without emotional addiction. Monday eves starting Oct. 19, 6:30pm. Everett Middle School, 450 Church. 585-5212.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month The Better Health Foundation's informative booklet on treatment and prevention is available by sending \$3 to BHF, 2107 Van Ness Ave. 03, SF, CA 94109.

East Bay Gay & Lesbian Committee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wednesdays at 7:30pm. For location, call Mark at (510) 428-2333 or Therese at (510) 524-0540. Rock the vote.

Home Care Skills Training Free classes for people tending to PWAs. Five weeknight evenings, Oct. 20, 22, 23, 26 & 27, 7-9pm, at Cal. Pacific Med. Center, 2333 Buchanan. 824-3269.

Be Safe — Preventing Violence Against Women SF chapter of NOW hosts a forum on helping to combat violence. Childcare provided. For women only. Saturday, Oct. 17, 10am-4pm, \$5-10. Guest Center Bldg., 798 Font Blvd., SF State Univ. 346-3041.

Politics, Policy and the Classroom Panelists: Harry Britt, SF supervisor and New College lecturer; Jonathan Katz, CCSF gay & lesbian studies director; Pat Norman, chair, Black Coalition on AIDS; Carmen Vasquez, coordinator, SF G&L Public Health Services. Thursday, Oct. 22, 5-7pm. Maude Fife Room, 315 Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley campus. (510) 642-7264.

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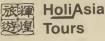
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Fremont WM, 40yo, sks Latin, Filipino studs for safe afternoon fun your way. HIVneg, under 35yo. EXT. 4930

GWM, 5'5, 135lbs, br/bl, 50yo, sks BM, non-smkr, for safe sex, also into movies, old and new jazz and blues. Let's go. EXT. 4931

GWM, 28yo, 5'10, 165lbs, would like to meet guys 25-32yo for romance. Be sane, fairly masc, in shape, EXT, 4932

Mount my ass. Hot, 29yo, 6', husky, 215lbs, br/bl, HIVpos, btm GWM sks top in Castro for fuck buddy. Hung is a plus. EXT. 4933

respect prolonged bondage and timulation to the max. Call. EXT. 4934

Bi Asian sks other bi/gay Asian, trim, musc, HIVneg, 28-42yo, for frndshp; deep, hot massage; a more. No fats/fems. EXT. 4935

slender, gdlkng GWM, collar prof, skng masc, built, bl-collar stud to force feed me his nchy cock. HIVpos OK. EXT.

Cpl lkng for a third. We're prof, cln-cut, hung, healthy, HIVpos. You: short, stocky, musc, bubble

39yo, 5'9, hairy, husky, butch guy wants to take on two blk or Latin guys lkng for two tops, verbal. EXT. 4938

Hot, dark, 5'5, 120lb btm sks blk/wht/Latin tops for old-style fuck, suck, or ... . EXT. 4939

Bay bi BM, 6'2, in shape, 45yo, sks 28-40yo Asian/blk/Latin for top/btm safe fun and frndshp

Top stud, 30yo, safe, hairy, big/fat dick, sks under 30yo cute btm. Like to service, kick back and get hot fuck? EXT. 4941

GWM, 40yo, 5'10, blk/brn, hndsm, HlVneg, lkng for "someone special" for frndhp, romance. Enjoy music, sports, movies. EXT. 4942

Masc, mature GWM, HIVneg, wants submsv, affectionate guy, 18-40yo, who needs spanking, bondage and caring too. EXT.

GWM, 28yo, 195lbs, sks cute Asian male into good times and good safe sex. No flakes or fems. EXT. 4944

Deep-throat service for cln-cut, dominant, healthy, in-shape, masc WM, 35-50yo, by trim, cln-cut, masc GWM ckskr. EXT. 4945

Marlboro men wntd by 38yo, 5'11, 155lb GWM. Tired of dating non-Chew fun also. Ass play, vers. FXT 4946

Star-quality Nordic stud will grind suck out the turds. EXT. 4947

healthy, HIVpos. Me: too yng to be daddy, too exprd to be boy, QWM, 28yo, 5'6, 130lbs. Us: intelligent, fun, kinky leather iconoclasts, not clones, no drugs. Caution: Ikng for playmate, not sex-thing. EXT 5006

BM, hairy, 40s, SF area, for VA, WM lkng for butch WM who needs teasing, WS, or.... No drugs hole to release overnite, golden physical abuse/pain. Be open, juice and then big load to start day, vers, drink, smoke, hot, horny, master/slave. EXT. 4948

Oakland midnite rambler skng nerds, ugly guys and shy men for loud, aggressive mutual JO, dirty talk, cock and ball worship late nite while partying. My place, EXT.

GWM, 35yo, HIVpos, br/bl, 5'10, 160lbs, healthy, attrac, w/many interests, sks same for fun and frndshp/poss rltnshp. EXT. 4950

Hot partners (fit, hung, 28 and 32yo, vers, into many scenes) skng hot, hung, vers animals into hot sex and raunch. EXT. 4951

GLM, 25yo, Ikng for dildo btms/tops to share hot time Prefer guys who're skinny at able to take X-Irg. EXT. 4952

Blk men wntd by wht pig for butt play, heavy tit work, pump, pho sex, groups, toys. EXT. 4953

Marin 25yo WM skng 18-25yo WM for frndshp and more. I like being active indoors and out. EXT. 4954

GWM, "regular guy," hndsm, masc, musc, 40yo, BB, 5'8, 165lbs, new to single scene, sks men for good times. EXT. 4955

Gdlkng, 30s, sexy, cln-cut to share safe butt/scat encounters w/similar. Cln-cut, safe and sane only. EXT. 4956

Lkng for a very musc, bi buddy who also loves pussy as well as a hot bubble butt. I'm 24yo, bi, blk, gym-toned, buffed, hung 9". Let's talk about it. EXT. 4957

Good man, 40s, warm heart, lively humor, intelligent, sks cheerful, enthusiastic man for leisurely nipple play, hot kisses, oral action, videos. HIVpos, smkr. Future poss. Days OK. EXT. 4958

Hot Asian wntd by Asian guy to service your every desire. Lite B&D, S&M to meet your expectations. HIVneg. No fats, fems. Lv message. EXT. 4959

YOU: artist demanding excellence. ME: mathematician, lks 22 but really 44yo, 130lbs, 5'8, bit, hung, full of cum and love, brn/grn, cln-shvn, thick, HIVneg. WE: jealous guardians of the other's freedom, w/minds by the light of day — and both stiff, deep into the dark of night. EXT. 4960

GWM, HIVneg, very generous, mature, discreet, stable, lkng for mature CHP officer/city cop for frndshp, poss rltnshp. You: over 6'2, in shape, lkng for many shared experiences. Exceptional invitation, serious only. EXT. 4961

Vers, well-blt WM, 5'11, gymbody, hung big, cut, wants 3-ways with cpls/singles. Likes vers WM, well-blt cut being for well-blt, cut, hairy, for long, hot sessions. EXT. 4962

Husky middle-aged guys need love too. GWM, 45yo, 5'10, 220lbs, br/br, hairy, uncut, intelligent, warm heart, sensual, spiritual— so give me a call. EXT. 4963

Athletic legs wntd. If you have same as I, then can be sincere/sex. EXT. 4964

Cute, smart, shy bi BM in E Bay sks interesting bi or gay WM in E Bay for frndshp plus .... EXT. 4991

Lkng for a yngr daddy, 21-29yo, who loves talking dirty and nasty to his son and wants to touch his son in sexual ways on the bed or jamb. Clean and healthy as well FXT 4966

Merced — cute yng guy, smart, w/excellent equipment, sks same for JO, hot sex and/or frndshp. EXT. 4967

9-1/2" of blk meat sks oral service from other hung men over 8". Me: mid-20s. You: late 30s. Your place only. Days only. EXT. 4968

Bi Asian male lkng for other BAMs, 20-40s, for fridshp and man-to-man sex. HIVneg, musc lkng to service your hot dick. Satisfaction guaranteed. EXT. 4969

Mutual kisses, nipple work, oral delights, toys, videos. Blond, 40s, 5'9, 158lbs, HIVpos, smkr, sks slightly yngr, bright playmate. Once or forever. Days OK. EXT.

If you're a buffed, musc stud who also loves to fuck pussy, I know some friends who want an 8"-plus dick on a reg basis. Let's get some daily! EXT. 4971

Bi WM, 200lbs, 6'2, transvestite,

Prof dick swallower wntd by BM, 50s, HIVneg, hung big. Expert deep-throated, tooth-free vacuum cleaners willing to satisfy a plus. Sincere only. EXT. 4973

day. Masc men only. EXT. 4974

Athletic blond jock w/rim seat lkng for studs who like their assholes worshipped by a hot tongue. EXT.

Attrac, 68yo, 5'8, 155lb dad/-master sks 18-45yo son/slave/friend for special and intimate times. EXT. 4976

GWM, 35yo, attrac, sks bare feet of 20-38yo GWM/GLM to lick, suck, pamper. It will feel great. PS: I won't stop at just your feet. EXT.

Husband wntd by GWM, 33yo, 6'1, brn/hzl, 200lbs, HIVneg, top. You're a GWM/GBM/GLM, honest, sincere, masc, btm, into grow rltnshp. EXT. 4978

GWM w/ a very fuckable ass sks one or more dicks, any size, to take me any way you like. EXT. 4979

Hot, hot btm wants very hot top, the bigger the better. Let's watch in my mirrors as you pound me. EXT. 4980

Yng, hndsm male sks GWM/GHM, gdlkng, athletic, cln-cut, masc, 21-40yo, for friends and fun. EXT. 4981

40yo E Bay GWM, HIVpos, long blnd hair, 'stache, healthy, 5'9, 200lbs, sks small-endowed, HIVpos hippie top man for fun or poss rltnshp. EXT. 4982

Visualize wrestling w/ a very hndsm, well-bit guy. Call me and maybe we can turn fantasy into

Sexual/business partner wntd. GAM sks man who would like to create a small business together in any field. EXT. 4984

Latin, 29yo, attrac, btm, fit, sks older BM for good times and hot fantasies. I'll satisfy you. EXT.

GWM w/big, hard bubble butt, masc, 6'3, 185lbs, expert deep throat, 40yo, sks big, hung daddy over 40yo to kick back. EXT. 4986

Share the fantasy/reality of YW, LTP, GF, DFS. Me: 54yo, 5'1 225lbs, full head of hair, cln-shvn. You: yngr, wht. EXT. 4987

Cock worship for under 30yo, cute, HIVneg stud w/ a big, fat dick by two hot, hairy, hndsm lovers. Quality 3-way plus. EXT.

Sonoma Co top, 46yo, 5'10, 170lbs, sks buddy for daytime play, touching, stroking and pumping. EXT. 4989

Yng, hndsm BM lkng for nice person, 20-40yo. I'm a top man carrying a big tool. I'm an inmate. Serious only pls. EXT. 4990

Penin GWM, 31yo, 5'10, 220lbs HIVneg, top/vers, sks HIVneg GWM, 21-30yo, short, firm, smooth body. No drugs. Safe sex onlyl EXT. 4992

E Bay 40yo GWM, HIVpos, long blond hair, 5'9, 200lbs, lkng for HIVpos, healthy men, under 40yo, who're small endowed, have long hair for fun times. EXT. 4993

Well-blt WM, 5'11, cut big, needs big, hairy bubble butt to eat and fuck from well-blt WM, 20-30s. Hungry and hot wntd. EXT. 4998

Mid-East man wntd by GWM, 32yo, 6'2, HIVneg, 200lbs. You're HIVneg, Persian/Arab, hairy, uncut, 30-45yo, Ikng for fun and poss rltnshp. EXT. 4994

Smooth BB w/ a super hot manhole lkng for servicing on a reg basis. EXT. 4995

Affectionate, in-shape 44yo sks GWM w/cancer moon or ascendant. Yngr or older but defined. Involvement poss. Let's meet and relax. EXT. 4996

Loving, sincere, musc Cauc, sks smooth, athletic Asian for poss rltnshp. You must be honest, sincere. Pls no games, flakes, bar flies. EXT. 4997

service uncut menl GWM, 6'2, 196lbs, 50s, w/trim beard. You're in shape, masc, w/foreskin loose or tight, overhang a plus. My place only. EXT. 4999

Wntd: WM, 18-30yo, must be into being a btm. BM w/ a big dick lkng to pump some buns. I'm an inmate o'll be out in a month and want to line up buns. EXT. 5000

GAM, 28yo, 5'7, 135lbs, caring, gentle, kind, sks good-hearted, gdlkng man for frndshp and rltnshp. Prefer 25-35yo. EXT.

GWM, 38yo, lkng to suck hot yng studs, 18-25yo. I'm 5'10, blnd/hzl, 165lbs, New England native. Lay back and enjoy, esp Latins. EXT. 5002

Gdlkng yng Asian, 27yo, sks WM under 35yo to share quality time. Romance, kisses, massages, frndshp, etc. Care and affectionate a plus. EXT. 5003

My fantasy? Two hung blk/Latin top/vers, 40-65yo, for 3-way. GWM, 31yo, attrac, hung nice, horry, love to fuck. Hung and safe only. Call. EXT. 5004

Ass massage, lite spanking. Me: cute GWM, 40yo, 6'5, 200lbs. You: cute GWM, 21-35yo, btm. Dad will spank and take

I'm 30yo, 175lbs, 5'11, gdlkng, btm, live in Hawaii, skng beauty and happiness in life and most of all someone very special to walk thru life together, love. EXT. 5007

Hey dudes, want to wrestle for fun, fantasy, pro-competitive, for top honors, man-to-man, no-holds cup nonors, man-to-man, no-holds-barred, w/very gdlkng, smooth Italn, 32yo, 5'10, 180 musc lbs? Then call and challengel Smooth wrestler's-bld dudes a plus. EXT. 5015

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extramarital affair. I'm 25yo, 5'7, amooth, med bld. I have varied interests. Your acc. Your age is unimport. EXT. 5008

Gdlkng, beefy, musc WM sks musc, masc, strt-acting BM to play w/my hard nipples and my big, musc bubble butt. Masc and muscles a plus. EXT. 5009

Butch ex-service, very hndsm, lean BB, 30yo, 5'9, 160lbs, crew cut, 'stache, sks top to control, dominate me thru bondage, dominate me thru bonuage, pleasure torture, long erotic scions, various trips and sessions, various trips and positions. You: late 20s-40s, masc, domnt, slight cruel streak a plus. Must consider travel. Break me down, make me beg, tease me up the wall, dudel EXT. 5010

BM, attrac, 33yo, well-endowed, lkng for friend or poss rltnshp. Currently incarcerated. Serious only pls. You: wht/Latin, 30-50yo. I enjoy romantic eves. EXT. 5011

31yo GWM top sks Asians, 27-35yo, for fun, kisses, hot times, intimate times. No games. I'm honest, affectionate. Let's get started. EXT. 5012

Asian/Latino cocks can use my eager mouth to shoot that sweet load! Great head by attrac GWM. You'll cum twice! EXT. 5013

Attrac blk, 42yo, 5'11, 220lbs, sks a passv bubble butt, strtacting btm, under 5'5, HIVneg, affectionate, w/sense of humor.

33yo, sks hot, squared-away top eager to visit the other side of the bed. You: a rough boy who appreciates being persuaded to turn over; a pervert who digs the queerness of butchon-butch. Bent thugs, macho studs and juvenile delinquents welcomed. Object: restraint, pain, spanking, servitude. EXT. 5016

Hndsm, masc GWM, 32yo, 6', 165lbs, hung, btm, wants hung, cut blk/wht/Latin male. Must be clean, musc, masc and want a clean little wht ass to play with. Give it to me! EXT. 5017

27yo, grn-eyed Italn into almost anything, very hndsm, lkng for any race, 25-45yo, to write me. I'm an inmate getting out in 30 days. Serious only. EXT. 5018

GBM, 35yo, 5'8, 150lbs, blk/brn, fit, no smk or drugs, romantic, kind, smart, edctd, masc, attrac, prof, likes being in love. Lkng for GWM, 20-30s, in shape, for ritnshp/boyfriend. Pref student or on w/educational degree. EXT.

Lkng for a human being a part of Lkng for a numan being a part or my life, movies, parks, fun times, leather and more if you're intelligent, wht or Latino, HIVneg. We're over 40yo, vers, love to snuggle and hug. EXT. 5038

Musc 35yo sks musc guys w/the biggest nipples on earth! No E You won't be sorry. EXT. 5020

I'm crazy for hard, hairy blonds or redheads. Me: hard, smooth, tan and love to rub bodies together, kiss and more. EXT. 5021

Chubby chasers, here I aml If you are gdlkng, in shape, 22-35yo, and lkng for a rltnshp, call. EXT. 5024

Attrac GWM, 37yo, 140lbs, 5'6, brn/blue, sks cute Asian w/long hair for fun or more. EXT. 5032

type GWM. intelligent, sensitive, sks son type up to 35yo. EXT. 5033

Prof GWM, 48yo, w/old-fashioned values, wants to meet/date sincere/deserving gay guys under 30yo. EXT. 5034

You're thin, smooth, sensual. I'm a GWM, 6'2, 160lbs, cln-cut, safe, for quiet eves, arts, movies, travel, conversation. Pls de for me. EXT. 5043 Pls describe yourself

If you're a GWM, HIVneg, daddy type, 50-65yo, w/ a "big thick dick," who enjoys love made to his big dick for hours, just call this ad. I'm a GBM, 40s, HIVneg. EXT. 5044

Weight gainers and encouragers, if vergint gainers and encouragers, if you're a man who's ever been interested in getting bigger and/or fattening up another guy, we'd like to invite you to our next dinner party exclusively for gainers and encouragers. EXT. 5052

Like fast boats? Skng 18-20yo who would enjoy driving easy-going older man's modern twin-engine cruiser around SF Bay. Stove, refrig, hot/cold running water, TV. Prefer youthful energy and honesty. No sex required. EXT. 5054

34yo construction worker, bi WM, 200lbs, firm, 7" thick, blt, hung and masc, wishes to meet similar men who want discreet oral service. EXT. 5056

Italn ex-football jock sks expert oral servicing on reg basis. Castro loc. All replies considered. EXT. 5057

Attrac, cln-cut, neg, in-shape, masc WM, 35-50yo, who digs hot head by a musc, trim, fit GWM ckskr. Call. EXT. 5058

Cop's toilet. 29yo GWM sks policemen to use my mouth as a toilet. Hungry, w/tireless tongue. EXT. 5059

Blk or Latinos who want head. Masc GWM, mid-40s, E Bay/SF, Ikng to give service. Open to other things. EXT. 5060

Hot, hot btm lkng for extra hot top. Let's get real nasty. Love al positions. My fave is doggie style. EXT. 5061

Gdlkng GWM, 32yo, 5'11, 170lbs, aubrn/brn, well-bit, athletic, HIVneg, sks ritnshp w/ a wild/raunchy animal who gets off doing it nude anyplace/where; enjoys long, hot, sweaty hours of ckskng, asseating, fkng, pissdrnkng; hot, gdlkng, well-bit, hairy GWM/Latino, 28-36yo. What're you waiting for? EXT. 5062

Are you homosexual?!! But not exactly "gay"? Do you feel you don't have much in common wl"gay" men besides a dick? Me, too. I'm an "interesting" wht guy wlmy erogenous zone btwn my ears! Let's talk and/or date. EXT. 5063

I'm 6', 160lbs, WM, 21yo, lkng for same but yngr for very discreet meetings. I travel a lot, need a buddy. Must act straight! EXT

Boys, boys, boys! All I want is yng wht boys!Can you help? If you're 18-20yo and would like a boy's nite over, call. No phone sex! EXT 5065

#### FOR WOMEN

SBF sks friends for fun, s and exchanging artistic ide arts and crafts. EXT. 5058

SBF sks single wht male for fun and socializing, 29-40yo, must be clean, no drugs and open-minded. EXT. 5059



Domnt, masc WM, well-bit, hung big, wants in-shape, pass/submsv WM w/hairy bod, 20-30s. EXT. 5022

Squat your hairy crack over my hairy facel In shape only. Smooth OK. My place. I'm a GWM, 6'2, 197lbs, 50s. EXT. 5023

GLM, 5'4, 135lbs, 34yo, btm, sks GWM tops for fun. EXT. 5025

GWM, 46yo, wants to meet a GAM. I'm 5'10, 150lbs, enjoy frndshp, affection. EXT. 5026

I'm a 42yo BM. I'm strictly a top who loves to fuck and get sucked. I'm HIVneg and love a hairy bubble butt, 20-46yo. Latins welcome. EXT. 5027

21yo AM, 5'7, 140lbs, sks masc, intelligent, great-lkng prof male under 35yo for frndshp, rltnshp, more. Serious only. EXT. 5028

you are short, smooth, stocky, BB type who needs some help to make ends meet, call us. Let's talk. EXT. 5029

GWM, 37yo, 6'4, 210lbs, lkng for clean and sober companion. Theater, conversation and raunch

Hung Latin master, 50yo, 5'11, 180lbs, sks submsv WM for lite bondage, tit play, spanking. No drugs. S Bay. Your place. EXT. 5031

GWM, 42yo, 6', 220lbs, gray hair, beard, sks GAM, 27-39yo, slim bld, short, non-smkr, HIVneg, for frndshp. EXT. 5035

Hot daddy FFB, fit, 57yo, no drugs, expert depth topfist. Full reperatory, caress my soul. Any age, race, deep knowhow. EXT.

GWDaddy sks boy under 35yo, hndsm, musc, clean, totally submsv for daddy/son rltnshp. No smk or drugs. EXT. 5037

WM, 40yo, has large tits and big hard nipples for BM who has and likes the same for great nipple play. EXT. 5039

GWM, 30s, 5'10, lkng for a well-bit BM, HIVneg. Must be vers, hndsm, 5'11-6'3. I have a bubble can suck dick too good. EXT. 5040

Hot Italn cumfreak and pig btm asseater sks heavy-loaded horny men for reg sessions. Sincere replies only. Call for description. EXT. 5041

GWM, 37yo, hairy, husky, balding, HIVneg, sks guy, 20-30yo, w/attrac boyish lks, HIVneg, who's not into bars, for poss rltnshp. EXT. 5042

Masc 24yo w 10 fat inches sks masc guys under 28yo for erotic encounters. Me: vers; you: the same. EXT. 5045

and hndsm guy, 30yo, will service hot, yng and in-shape military men w/no strings attatched. EXT. 5046

Skng gdlkng guys, hung huge, for one-on-one or group action. I'm gdlkng, 32yo, great body and hung huge. EXT. 5047

Hot oral slave GWM, 5'11, 165lbs, bl/bl — for 3-way or group scenes. Prefer masc, aggresv types. Satisfaction guaranteed. EXT. 5048

Classic uncut dick on a lean, trim, healthy, HIVneg GWM skng some satisfaction. EXT. 5049

GWM, 45yo, sks same. You hadsm, gdlkng, 18-45yo, into fun, fradshp, maybe even romance. New in SF? Can be your escort and show you. Gdlkng! First class! All-American and show you ev everywhere, EXT. 5050 everything,

frndshp. I'm very athletic and a law student. I prefer guys w/good sense of humor and also into fitness and health. EXT. 5051

Bondage fantasies? Lean bodies and hard muscles wntd by musc, exprd top. Respect limits. EXT. 5053

Very attrac GBM sks a hndsm GLM or GWM for companion. Be masc, athletic, 28-40yo. I'm 37yo, 190lbs, in shape. EXT. 5055

Falcon and Frameline sponsor new erotica

## Safe Sex Video Contest

he San Francisco AIDS Foundation recently announced an erotic safe sex video contest, co-sponsored by Frameline and Falcon Stu-dios. The purpose of the contest is to educate and enter-tain the gay and bisexual community while giving filmmakers an opportunity to explore and eroticize safe sex in their videos.

The contest is open to anyone and the best entries will be shown in a special evening at next year's San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Film Festi-



val. Falcon models will present awards onstage at the screening. The entire project is part of the AIDS Foundation's ongoing prevention/ed-ucation campaign targeting gay and bisexual men of all

Frameline and Falcon Studios will work together to host production workshops for potential participants. The project, which will operate under the title HOMO-HOMEVIDEO, is intended to help men define a healthy sexual expression for themselves in new and creative

ways. Cash prizes of \$750 each will be awarded in three categories: videos of ten minutes or less, those of 30 minutes or less, and videos that run 60 minutes or less. Win-ning entrants will be notified by June 1, 1993; the deadline for entries is March 1, 1993.

For more information regarding the contest contact HOMEHOMEVIDEO, SF AIDS Foundation, P.O. Box 426182, San Francisco, CA 94142-6182. Telephone in-quiries may be directed to (415) 864-5855, extension 2547.



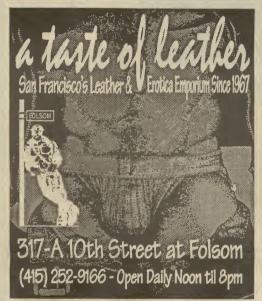
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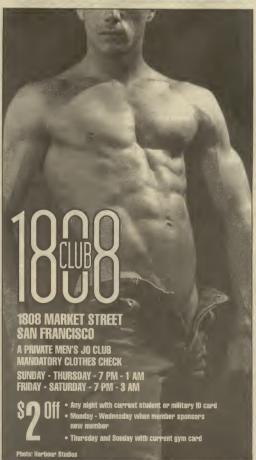
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When a Stranger Calls ...

## Rip-Offs Plague Leather Folk

ad but true. Another rip-off artist or artists is/are at work, and this time the targets are trustful, unsuspecting leather people, who are getting ripped off by strange telephone callers. phone callers

phone callers.

In the last month, at least three leather persons of high standing have been swindled out of nearly \$1,000 by phone callers who claim to be

lisher promptly wired almost \$500, but the title holder in question never did arrive in the City of the Angels. The same scam was tried out on former Intl. Ms. Leather Kay Hallanger, who lives in Indiana. Our gal Kay, no dummy, checked around and found out that the alleged title holder was at home, blissfully doing his chores. ing his chores.

While there are suspicions

any of you who get a phone call pleading for money from an alleged leather title holder: check it out first with either myself or a real title holder you may know. People in the Sash Rash scene pretty well know the whereabouts of each other on any given weekend! Above all, don't send anybody any money unless you can confirm the person is really where they want



These 12 bare chest winners will be auctioned for a dinner date to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund on Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Eagle. From left to right: Mr. Jan.—Wolf Mirasol, Mr. Feb.—Dieter Edwards, Mr. March—Nick Visconti, Mr. April—Joe McMurray, Mr. May—David Lamadue, Mr. June—Lonnie Tuck, Mr. July—Kevin Sims, Mr. Aug.—Taylor Poff, Mr. Sept.—Michael Zwaan, Mr. Oct.—Daniel Deleon, Mr. Nov.—Bob Harrison, Mr. Dec.—Christian Winkel(Photo: Stephen Sutton)

leather title holders in a jam.

The caller(s) say they are in a strange city and have been mugged and robbed and need cash (via Western Union) to either get home or to the city they're calling and en route to for a particular leather event. Since they claim to have lost their I.D. in the robbery, naturally you are asked to send the money to a different name. different name.

The kind individuals who

have become victims of this scam later find out that they've been duped and are out several hundred dollars. Just this past weekend, a man called a member of the

Phoenix Uniform Club here, claiming he was a former Mr. Drummer en route to San Francisco for the AUA Re-view weekend and had been mugged, beaten and robbed in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The caller asked that some \$400 be wired to him so he could fly here for the uniform weekend.

weekend.
Fortunately, the call's recipient checked around and discovered the former Mr. Drummer was not in New Mexico at all but was, in fact, attending the Quilt display in Washington, D.C. Undeterred, the scam artist called someone else who didn't bother to check and wired the money. Guess what? Money was picked up. And the former Mr. Drummer never arrived here. rived here.

A few weeks ago, a man telephoned a prominent gay publisher in Los Angeles with a similar request. The pub-

as to the identity of the caller(s), nothing has been proven, but Tel-a-Fairy is hard at work. My advice to

the money wired! You have been warned. Take heed!



Winners of the Phoenix Uniform Club boot contest at the Eagle on Sunday, Oct. 11 (I to r): Neil Lang (best uniform boots) and best in show; Moe Lizotte (best biker boots); and ''Mama''

Interesting weekend both here and in other cities. Hordes of uniformed men converged for the annual AUA Review, with lots of out-of-towners here for the occasion. The block party on 11th Street all day Saturday wasn't all it was touted to be — a low turnout in spite of the - a low turnout in spite of the great weather.

Bodybuilders were sweat-

Bodybuilders were sweating it out most of the day at Lowell High School for the '92 NPC SF Bodybuilding Championships, while the rain nearly fouled up the Quilt display in Washington, D.C.

In Chicago, the National Leather Association had their

seafood" seafood" was to be seen South of Market — but they were standing in line at the non-gay clubs. Well, maybe one or two found their way to the leather bars, but nobody's talking (i.e., bragging) — yet!

Two fist fights broke out in a South of Market bar Saturday night when some clus. was to be seen

urday night when some cus-tomers were offended by two dudes wearing Nazi uniforms. One guy was ragging on me to "put a stop to these blatantly politically incorrect uni-forms," but, hey, moi? Write a letter to the editor expressing your views.

Sunday afternoon, the ever-efficient Phoenix Uni-form Club hosted the

friend of everybody) won tor her most unusual (high-heeled) boots; Moe Lizotte of Fresno won for the best biker boots; and Neil Lang of Oakboots; and Neil Lang of Oak-land won the best uniform boot prize. Neil also won "Best Boots in Show" by crowd applause. Former IML "Iron" Mike Pereyra was schmoozing around after ex-periencing his first bodybuild-ing competition. It was glori-ous weather and a great weekend for everybody. weekend for everybody.

Great news! I know you're all looking forward to next year's rodeo in San Francisco. The date has definitely been

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Muscle heaven at Lowell High School last Saturday for the SF Bodybuilding Championships

and the location, call 673-0452. Felix of London is in town on an extended vacation, and you know he'll be there!
Formerly the I-Beam at 1748 Haight, "Quake" opens tonight, but their message

didn't give me any details about the city's newest dance venue. Call 668-6023 for details if you must!

Sunday, Oct. 18: The 1993 Bare Chest Calendar for-

mally debuts today at the Ea-gle beer/soda bust. All the winners but one will be there to both autograph the copy you buy and to be auctioned off for a dinner date at "select" dining rooms in the community. Danny Williams will munity. Danny Williams will emcee, and this one is always a riot that garners mucho dinero for the AIDS Emergency Fund. Beginning at 1500, beer/soda, food, laughs. Many laughs. I can't waitl Monday, Oct. 19: Artist (Continued on next page)

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A bodybuilder named ''Todd'' won the light heavyweight class in the SF Bodybuilding Contest last Saturday, Oct. 10, at Lowell High School.

annual conference, and Toronto's Andy Anderson (fi-nally!) won a national title, Mr. National Leather Associ-Mr. National Leather Association. Susie Shepherd's lover, K.T. Chase of Portland, Oregon, is the new Ms. NLA. A lot of our leather people were in Chicago and in Washington as well.

The Navy's Blue Angels were buzzing the skies over Faghdad, and lots of "straight

beer/soda bust at the Eagle, and uniforms of every de-scription were abundant. The contest for the Most Unusual Boots, Best Biker Boots and Best Uniform Boots was em-Best Uniform Boots was em-ceed by that dashing Dennis Silva of the Phoenix UC, and he was very pleased with the contestant turnout. When the judges' votes were tallied, an Eagle "regu-lar" woman ("Mama," the

set for the weekend of May 21-23, 1993, and it will be at the Cow Palacel It's the weekend before the IML contest in

end before the IML contest in Chicago, so make your plans for a double-header next May!

Don't forget the Mr. Safe Sex II contest on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Eagle. You can get applications now from either Eric Politzer at the Stop AIDS Project or from Josh Bottfeld at the AIDS Health Project. Ginger Casey of KQED, my favorite femcee, will be your hostess, and Mr. Safe Sex I, Joe Fiorentino, will become a dowager. Yeah, right! right!

right!
The Dyke Daddy II contest is set for Friday, Nov. 6, and applications are now available at the SF-Eagle and at Stormy Leather. Do it now!

\* \* \* Here's what's headed your

Here's what's headed your way in the coming days:
Saturday, Oct. 17: The SF GDI's annual drag-a-thon,
"Minsky's," plays for your pleasure tonight at the California Club on Clay. The doors open at 1800 with curtain at 1930. Ducats are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. My handwritten press release didn't say where you could buy tickets in advance, but once again, the GDI's corresponding secretary fell down sponding secretary fell down on the job.

on the job.

If drag is not your bag. Trust is having their red-hanky party at the Eagle tonight, too. Major fists will be there, so wear your hanky in the appropriate pocket!

The 15 Association presents Alphabet Night this evening from 2100 to 0100 the next morning. BD, CBT, D&S, SM, TT are on the menu. To get an invitation



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"Iron" Mike Pereyra got his first taste of bodybuilding competition at the SF Championships last Saturday, Oct. 10.

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One example of Lynn Goodman's "Male Nudes" art show opening at Headquarters bar, Monday, Oct. 19, with a reception for the artist beginning at 2000 and will hang until Oct. 30

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(Continued from previous page Lynn Goodman's show, "Male Nudes," opens at Headquar-ters Bar tonight with a chamters Bar tonight with a champagne reception for the artist from 2000 to 2200. This stunning show will hang until Oct. 30, so drop in and meet this talented man. Say hi to Nelson and check out the hole in the ceiling.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Pacific Bears California MC beer/soda bust at Headquarters tonight 2000-2300 for \$6. A benefit for CUAV, with a 50/50 raffle and cruising galore.

Friday, Oct. 23: Danny Williams celebrates his 40th birthday tonight with a galaxy of stars too numerous to mention here besides the Gay Men's Chorus. Mitch Johnson and Art Tomaszewski will co-emcee this benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund. Don't miss it!

Fund. Don't miss it!

Saturday, Oct. 24: The
world's longest-awaited preHalloween drag party ("Society's Bad Girls") is tonight at
Cafe San Marcos. The theme
in "Ball for Democracy" and "Ball for Democracy," means red, white and

blue; glittery stars and stripes; giant wigs topping muscle-bound guys; and always a big crowd outside applauding the damsels as they arrive and depart. Tickets are \$25 in advance (now available at Cafe San Marcos) or \$30 at the San Marcos) or \$30 at the door. A benefit for Continuum. You can buy the video that same night for \$15 (or \$20 after that). Remember: you must be "cross-dressed" to get in! For more info, call (415) 626-2763.

There's more coming, but this will keep you busy, in-deed!

### Gospel According to St. Marc(us)

At the Saturday night AUA banquet at Sinbad's, one of the delegates was so outraged when, outside on the deck, he when, outside on the deck, he was severely admonished for smoking a cigar before the "smoking candle" was lit, that he left with the hot German dude he was smoking with and flew out of San Francisco a day early. "They're too serious for me" were the last words I heard during the phone call from the airport

Sunday morning. San Francisco's Sash Rash Club grows bigger. The latest word is that the new Mr. Drummer, Emerson Briney, is moving from Omaha to establish residence here almost any day now. Now if only the 1992 Drummer Boy would do the

And speaking of Great Plains Drummer types, Dicky Davis, formerly the Great Plains Drummer Boy and now a resident here, wants it known that he no longer has a "daddy" and is up for grabs! Does this sound like a basket-ball game or a Three-Way That Was Destined to Be For-

can it be true? Rampant rumor has it that a new bar will open any day now on the site that used to be the Ambush, right across the street from the Lone Star Saloon on Harrison. It will be a beer/wine venue, and while a lot of the natives can't wait, other bar owners are nervous already! I didn't

catch the new name — yet.

So long. That's all the dish for a while. ▼

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the beats are fast and furious.
Boy Bar is the latest entry in the Sunday tea-dance offerings. DJs Neon Leon and Dean mix it up with a blend that accents house rhythms. Doors open at 6 p.m. The cover charge is \$3; beers are \$1

er charge is \$3; beers are \$1 until 11 p.m.

Jerk-It is the new Sunday night dance club. Boy Barand Jerk-It have a one-hour overlap from 10-11 p.m at the same venue, then Jerk-It heads on through the night into the wee hours. DJs Neon Leon and Dean remain with the party and will soon be joined by guest DJs. Cover is \$5, and you can call the info line about upcoming events at 267-0666.

This multiple-complex set-

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This multiple-complex set-ting is highly appealing. There's a recreation room that offers pool tables, a lounge area that can truly be used for conversations (imagused for conversations (imag-ine — no shouting) and a beau-ty salon! What a godsend. Dance till you drop, then run across the hall to the salon for a quick touch-up. Where have you been all my dancing life? Soon to come is an expan-sion phase that will feature an

espresso bar upstairs with live music. Stand by.

#### Paying Homage

Love Garage (174 King Street — directly behind Care-free/Pleasuredome) is steadily building steam. Recently in-troduced, it pays homage to days gone by when San Francisco was the disco capital of the world.

Many clubs have tried to

exploit this era by setting up secondary clubs within their main club that offer this type of music. The problem has al-ways been that these secondary setups were supported by bad sound systems in inferior rooms.

All this comes to a splen-did end at the Love Garage. did end at the Love Garage. This expansive warehouse club pumps a powerful wallop of wattage. The large dance floor is semi-encircled by a balconylloft that provides a bird's-eye view of the sweaty gyrating crowd. Infoline: 905-4553. Friday nights. Friday nights, however, still belong to Dekadence (Sixth and Harrison). One of our favorite clubs, it may be

our favorite clubs, it may be solely responsible for Webster's having to redefine the word "eroticism." DJ Bugie still mans the controls from which emanate that irrestitible mix of houseterhon. sistible mix of house-technofunk rhythms. With winter rapidly upon us, I wonder if

that's a fundraiser!)

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Carefree Dancing (177

Townsend at Third) is the reigning champion of Saturday nights. We were there during its infancy, when it was one of the best-kept secrets in town. Now you can hardly squeeze into the place.

The mucic is still the heat.

The music is still the best mix around town. DJs Nikki Rivera and Markie Mark are joined from time to time by guest DJs who add even more excitement.

The crowd here is young,

The crowd here is young, cute and the hippest to be found anywhere — 9 p.m.7 a.m. Info line: 979-5558.

Pleasuredome (177 Townsend at Third). Sunday nights here are for the true party animals and diehards.

Those with weak hearts and Those with weak hearts and

Those with weak hearts and low energy need not attend. Same crowd from Carefree but add in muscle studs and beefy bears.

Starting at 9 p.m. this tea dance runs until 7 a.m. Monday morning! So you'll be a little late getting to work. In the DJ booth are Jerry Bonham and Alec Cunningham, and from their turntables comes a mix of house, techno and industrial dance grooves. You have not seen a true

You have not seen a true tea dance until you've paid a visit to the Pleasuredome. And if one more person asks me if the dome on its roof

me if the dome on its root opens ... The End-Up (Sixth and Harrison). The first word in the Sunday tea-dance scene, mainly because the doors open at 6 a.m. (that's right, a.m.). Not that I've ever been there that early in the morning, but I understand that it's just as crowded as Friday. just as crowded as Friday nights (Dekadence) — except that at this time you get to see everybody in the sunlight. Maybe that's why there's no

cover.

Bugie is still at the controls Bugie is still at the controls (doesn't he ever get any time off?), and the music is just what you need to get your body moving in the morning.

The club remains in operation throughout the day until it becomes Club Uranus at 9 p.m.



they're going to install portable heaters on the patio so that the crowd can still wear shorts. Maybe we could take up a collection. (Now

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## Dyke Dick Delight

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est reader guessing. Lauren Laurano is a private investigator (or dyke dick, as she sometimes calls

herself) called in by the friend hersell) called in by the Friend of a friend to investigate a date rape. Both Ursula (the friend once removed) and her half-sister Lake (who is both angry and embarrassed by the rape) are hiding too many recruets habind a facade of secrets behind a facade of candor. When Lake is found hanged, an apparent suicide, Lauren decides the investiga-tion must continue.

On the way to a stunning climax, she discovers layers of deception, half-lies, partial truths and enough family dysfunction to make the Reagan

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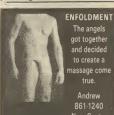


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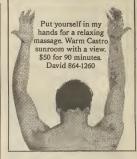
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